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The Times Portfolio competition prize of £6,000 (trebled because no-one won on Monday or Tuesday) went yesterday to Mr Roland Castlo who lives in Stevenage, Herts. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

On Saturday, the weekly prize will be £60,000 because there was no winner of the £20,000 weekly prize last Saturday or the Saturday before. To it will be added the daily £2,000, making a total of £62,000 available to be won.

Fowler fights in Cabinet over mortgage aid cut

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, looks set to face a double Cabinet battle today over plans to reshape the social security system.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has raised strong objections to proposals to cease paying mortgage interest to unemployed people for the first six months they are on benefit. He says the move cuts across policy on council house sales, one of the marked successes of Mrs Thatcher's administration.

His objections come on top of the Treasury's arguments about the cost of abolishing the state earnings related pension scheme, unresolved despite Mrs Thatcher's intervention this week.

Under Mr Fowler's mortgage interest proposal, one of a number of cuts in housing aid aimed at saving about £750 million a year, the supplementary benefit system would no longer pay mortgage interest for the first six months people are on benefit. That would leave the bill to be picked up by building societies and the banks.

They would face rescheduling repayments or the opprobrium of foreclosing on mortgages. But Mr Fowler's argument is that the societies took the strain during the miners' strike and could do so again.

The move would be fiercely resisted by building societies and banks who would argue it would leave them less money to lend. Mr Jenkins says that it could affect their continued support for council house sales.

For sales to continue, building socieites and banks have increasingly to be willing to lend to lower income borrowers. Almost be definition they are in unskilled and manual jobs and most at risk from spells of unemployment.

To cut about £750 million from the £4 billion housing benefit bill, housing aid is to be paid less far up the income scale and will be withdrawn quicker as income rises.

The proposals are also believed to include plans to stop paying the full housing costs of 4.3 million people on supplementary benefit. They will be expected to meet up to 20 per cent of their rates.

That cuts across the recommendations of the housing benefit review, chaired by Mr Jeremy Rowe, the only review chaired by an outsider rather than a minister, who is believed to have supported the principle that those on supplementary benefit should have all their housing costs met.

The political justification appears to be that it will discourage people on benefit voting for high spending local authorities because large rate increases will hit them as well as the better off.

Ministers now seem to accept that Mr Fowler's reviews will take more than one Cabinet to decide, in part because of the continued disagreements, but also because of their complexity.

Other key parts of the package include plans to pay a family credit through reduced tax and national insurance contributions to people in low paid work, in place of family income supplement, with a family premium going to those on benefits.

Supplementary benefit is likely to be renamed, probably as Income Support, with all extra weekly payments for heating, diet and laundry being abolished and four separate weekly rates set for pensioners, the long-term sick and disabled, single-parent families and the unemployed.

Single payments for furniture, clothing, cookers, linen, repairs, and the like will go, to be subsumed in a new social aid fund, which will give loans rather than grants for many items. Repayment will be made through deductions from weekly benefit.

The death grant and maternity grant are likely to be abolished, though help with funeral and maternity expenses will remain for those on supplementary benefit. The maternity allowance is likely to be means-tested.

Child benefit, which is paid to seven million women with twelve million children at a cost of £4 billion, looks set to remain, although it is ulikely to be uprated fully in line with inflation. Previous proposals to means-test the benefit, tax it, or make it overtly a two-tier benefit appear to have been dropped in favour of the family premium and family credit proposals.

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May Day brings smiles from the families of the superpowers' leaders: Mr Gorbachov's daughter, Irina, and granddaughter, Oksana, watch the Moscow Red Square parade, left; while Mrs Reagan is welcomed with flowers at Bonn airport.

Bitburg still clouds summit

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Leaders of the seven largest industrialized democracies are arriving here for their annual summit which the West German hosts and the United States seem already to have written off as being obliterated by the continuing uproar over President Reagan's visit to the cemetery at Bitburg.

Within minutes of Mr Reagan landing at Bonn airport, police defused a bomb which was first announced as being near the American embassy, but which was in fact almost as near to the British ambassador's residence where Mrs Thatcher is to stay – that is about half a mile away. Mrs Thatcher will not arrive until today, shortly before the summit begins.

Police described the bomb as a "professional job". It consisted of 13lb of explosives in a fire extingnisher outside an office. It was noticed by a passer-by. No group claimed responsibility.

The incident confirmed the need for the huge security measures taken by the host government. It was estimated that there will be one policeman in Bonn for every five inhabitants during the summit.

Mr Regan's wreath-laying at Bitburg, which is about two hours by road from Bonn, will take place on Sunday. Theoretically, it has nothing to do with the summit. It is part of the three-day state visit of Germany by Mr Reagan which will begin once the summit ends on Saturday.

But the West Germans and the Americans are having difficulty in diverting attention from anything other than the cemetery. The American announcement on Nicaragua here yesterday was widely regarded as a game attempt to change the subject. But it looked unlikely to be successful for more than a few hours.

The West Germans had specifically asked that the summit be brought forward this year so that it could coincide with the fortieth anniversary commemorations of the end of the war in Europe. The hope was that the meeting would demonstrate that West Germany was as much a part of the community of democratic nations as any other, especially after its failure to get itself included in the Normandy celebrations last year. But Bitburg has ensured that it will be impossible to get away from the past.

The irrepressible, mass circulation *Bild Zeitung* adds to that problem today by revealing that Baron Joerg von Holzschuher, the owner of Gymnich, the castle 25 miles from Bonn where Mr Reagan is staying, is a godson of Hitler. The newspaper quotes the baron as saying that his father turned against the Nazis before the end of the war.

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Druze and Shia Muslim leaders in Lebanon offered to spare the Christian town of Jezzine, which is crowded with refugees, in return for a ceasefire agreement that would place Lebanese Government troops between the Christian and Muslim militias Page 7

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Union ballot rigging inquiry may reopen

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

An independent inquiry into alleged ballot rigging in the largest region of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which at first gave the union virtually a clean bill of health, is likely to be re-opened.

In an about-turn, Mr John Garnett, director of the Industrial Society, wrote to the union asking to be allowed to carry out further investigations, within a few hours of publishing his original report which said that irregularities in the region covering London and the Home Counties had been restricted to eight of the region's 1,601 branches.

His report, which had been delivered to the union, led Mr Moss Evans, the union's retiring general secretary, to issue a statement welcoming it and pointing out that it exonerated regional officials who had been accused of involvement in ballot irregularities, in last year's election for Mr Evans' successor.

But yesterday, at a press conference to launch the report, Mr Garnett agreed that his investigation had not been exhausive and that it was possible that there had been irregularities in other branches that those uncovered.

As a result he yesterday wrote to Mr Evans recommending that branch returns from the fresh election which is due to start later this month should be published and that he be allowed to examine more ballot forms from last year's ballot.

In that vote Mr Ron Todd beat Mr George Wright by the comparatively narrow margn of 45,000 votes. The union executive decided on a re-run of the vote after Mr Todd said he was not prepared to take up office under a cloud of uncertainty caused by the ballot rigging controversy.

Mr Garnett said that having examined returns from the 1,061 branches in the region which voted, out of the total branch strength of 1,601, he had thought it necessary to examine papers returned by by branches and of those he found evidence of ballot rigging in eight.

The eight branches cast 3,670 votes out of the region's total 116,120 vote. Among the practices Mr Garnett discovered were ballot papers folded neatly in a bundle inside a ballot box with crosses marked in the same handwriting, and one set of ballot papers which bore the hallmark of being filled in, in different colour inks, by the same people.

He made a series of recommendations to ensure that the new election is conducted under stricter branch controls and said: "The TGWU should act quickly and publicly on all these matters so that its members can be re-assured that it democratic tradition reminds constant."

But he started to have second thoughts on the thoroughness of his investigation when it was pointed out that he had not examined ballot papers returned by branches where there had been an unusually high

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Three new frigates for Navy

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The first steps leading to orders for three new Royal Navy frigates costing nearly £350 million will be taken by the Ministry of Defence in the next few days.

They will be of the Type 23 "Duke" class of which only one has so far been ordered. Introducing this year's annual statement on the defence estimates, yesterday Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, said that he would shortly be inviting shipyards to tender for the additional ships.

Contracts will probably not be placed until next year, but the fact that Mr Heseltine is now committed to these vessels will relieve the anxieties of people who feared that the ordering of frigates was falling behind schedule.

The first Type 23 was ordered from Yarrow on Clydeside last year. In January Mr Heseltine indicated that he hoped to negotiate the placing of the second vessel with Swan Hunter on Tyneside.

Although he refused to commit himself yesterday, it is thought that Mr Heseltine hopes to sustain the ordering of frigates at a rate of three a year for several years.

The statement includes a long defence of the decision to acquire the Trident nuclear deterren system.

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Reagan signs order for tough sanctions against Nicaragua

From Nicholas Ashford, Bonn

President Reagan yesterday imposed swinging economic and trade sanctions against Nicaragua, claiming that the left-wing Sandinista Government had become a threat to the security of the region "and to the security and foreign policy of the United States".

The President signed an executive order authorising the sanctions shortly after arriving here to attend the seven-nation economic summit meeting.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, denied that the announcement had been deliberately timed to divert attention from the controversy over Mr Reagan's planned visit to the German military cemetery at Bitburg on Sunday. He said it could not have been made any earlier because the President had been discussing the issue with Congress and Latin American governments right up until leaving Washington on Tuesday night.

The sanctions order, made under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, involves a total embargo on trade with Nicargua, suspension of air and shipping services between the two countries and termination of their treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation.

The move will put additional pressure on Nicaragua's ailing economy, already badly affected by the Managua Government's policies and the impact of the guerrilla war against rebel Contras.

The US is still Managua's major trading partner, despite the cuts in Nicaragua's sugar quotas which the Reagan Administration introduced two years ago. Last year US exports to Nicaragua were worth $111 million (£90 million) and imports valued at $57 million.

Mr Speakes made it clear that the decision to go ahead with sanctions was made after Congress last week refused to grant his request for $14 million in aid to the Contras, and Mr Reagan would continue to seek congressional approval for the aid package.

He spoke of further evidence in recent days of Managua's determination to subvert its neighbours, strengthen ties with the Soviet Union and Cuba and impose communist totalitarian rule in the country.

In particular he referred to the new ties between Managua and the Soviet Union announced during the recent trip by Señor Daniel Ortega, the Sandinista leader, to Moscow; the capture of seven Nicaraguan secret agents in Honduras; and the delivery of Soviet helicopters and East German military equipment to Nicaragua.

Mr Speakes stressed that the President did not consider the sanctions a substitute for US aid to the Contras. He also hinted that the US could take other, punitive steps, such as severing diplomatic relations, if Nicaragua "does not mend its ways".

The President will discuss his move today with summit leaders, including Mrs Margaret Thatcher, with whom he will hold bilateral talks.

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Batons end Solidarity's May Day

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Thousands of Solidarity supporters chanting the name of Lech Walesa, yesterday spilled into the streets of Polish cities, scuffling, fighting or mocking the massed ranks of riot police, in a bid to disrupt the Communist celebrations of May Day, the workers' holiday.

Government officials admitted that Solidarity had attempted protest demonstrations in all major cities – including Warsaw, Gdansk, Wroclaw and Cracow – and in dozens of smaller towns. Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government spokesman, said that all the attempts had failed.

The mood of the day veered from violent and bitter in Gdansk, birthplace of Solidarity, to carnival in Warsaw, where two prominent dissidents, Mr Jacek Kuron and Mr Seweryn Jaworski, were detained.

"In Gdansk... Mr Walesa, chairman of the banned trade union, tried to take part in the official Communist parade – an attempt to emulate last year's performance, when he infiltrated the solemn procession

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Princess Anne to speak at trade union meeting

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Princess Anne isto address her first trade union conference later this month when she helps to launch an appeal to aid poor children in northern India.

She will be the second member of the Royal Family to speak to a union conference. The first was the Prince of Wales, who addressed the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation as part of a programme to familiarize himself with the workings of industry.

Princess Anne will speak in Bournemouth at the conference of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, the tax officers' union, in her capacity as President of the Save the Children Fund.

Mr Clive Salt, the federation's president, had indicated that he wished to launch two appeals, one to help Tibetan refugees and the other for children in northern India. Princess Anne heard about the appeal and, according to union sources, offered to speak at the conference in two weeks' time.

It was emphasized by Buckingham Palace last night that she would not be taking part in the business of the conference.

Local voting blow to Tories

By Our Political Reporter

The Conservative Party has lost two out of three local council seats it has defended since the Budget.

With the shire county elections taking place today, a study of votes cast in 52 local by-elections shows the Conservatives in third place behind Labour, which has a clear lead, and the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance.

The survey, in this week's *New Statesman*, covers contests in which 100,000 votes were cast and confirm the findings of opinion polls indicating a marked Labour recovery.

But it makes the point that it is highly unlikely that the Conservatives will lose their first place in the shire counties.

	Seats defended	Seats lost	Seats gained	Seats now
Cons	23	16	2	9
Lab	15	2	5	1
Lib	4	0	12	17
SDP	1	0	2	3
Others	7	5	2	4

In three-cornered contests since March 21 Labour has won 34,922 votes (36 per cent); the Alliance 29,571 (30.5 per cent) and the Tories 27,746 (28.6).

The New Statesman also reports two Harris Research Centre polls for Greater London during April, one for the GLC and one for *Thames News*, which it says show a 21 per cent lead for Labour.

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Minister slips on a banana warehouse



By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

It seemed safe enough. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Minister for Local Government, appearing in a Conservative Party political broadcast on Tuesday night, walked into what he said was a former factory and blamed the high rates imposed by the local Labour council for its closure.

A routine insult; the stuff of politics, especially with the shire elections only two days away.

"And now to a factory where no one is at work because they simply can't afford to pay the high rates in Labour-land", the normally sure-footed Mr Baker said.

But he had slipped. And it was more than a banana skin. Mr Baker had been filmed entering a former banana warehouse, in the West India docks in London, which is now regularly used as a television studio.

It had been closed many years ago, not because of Labour rates but as a result of the reorganization and containerization of the trade.

Someone told the Labour Party, and yesterday it made merry as an embarrassed Tory Central Office and minister wiped egg from their faces.

Mr Jack Cunningham, Labour's chief environment spokesman, asked Mr Baker to own up to a "complete fabrication". "This squalid dishonesty is the latest example of the depths to which you and your party have sunk in a desperate attempt to mislead the people of Britain over responsibility for rates increases, which lies fairly and squarely at the Government's door," he fumed.

It was more than eight hours before Mr Baker responded. Last night he sent a letter which did not deny Mr Cunningham's main complaint, but accused him of misunderstanding the point of the broadcast.

"All parts were filmed in the Limehouse studio complex which, you will know, has been converted from disused warehouses with the help of the London Dockland Development Corporation, created and funded by the Conservative Government in the face of bitter opposition from the GLC and the Labour Party. I cannot help feeling that the viewing public are a good deal more perceptive than you appear to have been", he wrote.

He made various other points, which may or may not be worth a few votes, but showed that his team of Central Office researchers had been fully employed during the afternoon.

What Labour would really like to see is the memo, doubtless rather crisper, which Mr Baker may have sent to his scriptwriters.

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BL chief admits setback in recovery and doubts about future

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

scent setback in BL's programme, which has resh doubts about the med motor group's rm viability, was ac-dge publicly yesterday Har s chairman, Sir Austin start yester

Gala the company's annual starvt. Sir Austin said that BL class a "difficult and challeng-Sm" year after falling back into thos last year. "Although much to ogress has been made over one last few years, further improvements are necessary in 1985 for BL to achieve its aim of being a competitive, successful and durable business".

Sir Austin says that the markets for BL's bus and truck businesses remain "deeply depressed", while Austin Rover, BL's volume car business, faces "a severe test" after last November's strike and the subsequent loss of production and market share.

Mr Ray Horrocks, chief executive of BL's car activities, says that the European motor industry continues to suffer from severe over-capacity.

The markedly cautious, even gloomy, stance of BL's senior mannagement comes at a time when the company is facing tough questioning from the Government about its latest corporate plan.

Minister and oficials at the Department of Trade and Industry are known to be worried about BL's prospects after its poor market showing in the second half of last year, which contributed to the company's return to trading losses in 1984, after its small operating profit of £4.1m in 1983.

The Government has expressed doubts about how soundly based some of BL's financial projections will prove to be unless it can show a marked improvement in sales and profitability this year.

A report out yesterday form a new free-market think tank, Policy Search, called on the Government to wind up BL in its present form, replacing it with three seperate manufacturing companies, Austin Rover, Leyland Vehicles and Land-Rover.

The report also says that BL will have to enter into more extensive collaboration with Honda. Even to the extent of allowing the Japanese to take an equity stake in BL.

Shipbuilders show healthy order book

The state-owned British Shipbuilders hit back yesterday at its critics by releasing order figures for the past year showing that merchant ship contracts are up by 72 per cent (our Indusrial Correspondent writes).

The total order book at the end of March was 31 merchant ships valued at £445 million, 23 warships valued at £1,902 million, one Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship wirth £83 million and seven engines worth £11 million.

The healthier order situation, achieved in a year when the corporation's losses have been cut by at least two-thirds from the previous year's £168 million defici is also against a background of the continuing world slump in shipbuilding, particularly for merchant vessels.

A BS spokesman said the orders were evidence of the outcome of its "leaner and fitter" condition. "Losses have been cut, productivity is rising and orders have been won and we are generaly looking in a much better shape."

Ten of the year's 31 merchant orders were for overseas registration, which the corporation sees as further evidence of foreign owners gaining fresh confidence in British yards.



Double quest: Simon Wall, aged 24, from Leicester, left Plymouth yesterday in a 30-ft sloop on his second attempt to become the youngest solo sailor to make a double transatlantic crossing.

Greenham women keep right to vote

By Pat Healy

Seven "Greenham women" had their right to vote in local and parliamentary elections in Newbury, Berkshire, restored yesterday in a Court of Appeal judgement which appeared to open the way for them to be removed from the electoral register.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, told the women that their names would remain on the register because their residence at Greenhan had been established. The qualification "is not destroyed by reasons of illegality or unlawfulness."

But the 16-page written judgement, not read out, said that a different decision would have been made if Newbury District Council and the Department of Transport, who own the land on which the women are camping, had obtained injunctions requiring the women to vacate the highway and common lands and forbidding their return.

Ms Rebecca Johnson, who was released temporarily from Holloway Prison to attend one hearing, said: "They gave us the vote because they had to under the law. But in doing so, they have indicated the way in which Newbury council and other authorities can manipulate the law in order to deny us the vote next time".

Mr Anthony Meyer, who objected to the women's names being on the register on behalf of the Ratepayers Against Greenham Encampments, was ordered to pay the costs of the Newbury electoral registration officer. Mr Meyer said afterwards that he would ask the Department of Transport and Newbury District Council to apply for injunctions to move the women "illegally resident on highway and common land surrounding RAF Greenham Common".

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Getty buys last of Blunt's paintings

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

An important French painting which once belonged to Anthony Blunt, the art historian who spied for Russia, has been sold to the Getty Museum in California for a reputed £250,000.

That, together with a group of five drawings by Nicholas Poussin which were recently bought by a European collector, appears to complete the dispersal of the Blunt art collection which has been valued at more than £1 million.

The painting purchased by the Getty is by Antoine Caron and depicts "Astronomers studying an eclipse". They are standing among recognizable Parisian buildings while the sky rains blood. Caron, who was a leading exponent of the School of Fontainebleau, is suggesting some dire portent but scholars are not agreed on what.

The sale of the painting and the five mythological drawings by Poussin was handled on behalf of Mr William Gaskin, Blunt's faithful companion, by the London dealer, Mr Adrian Ward-Jackson. Mr Ward-Jackson was not available for comment yesterday.

The most important painting from the collection, Poussin's "Rebecca at the Well", was recently acquired by the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, through a private treaty sale after the Government refused to accept the picture in lieu of tax. The decision was alleged to have been taken on political grounds because of Blunt's spying involvement.

The Caron also came close to retention in Britain. Sir Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, confirmed yesterday that it was "something we considered very seriously". The decision not to buy it was taken by the gallery's trustees rather than the curatorial staff

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Hurd warns FitzGerald on visit

From Richard Ford
Belfast

The Government continued yesterday to distance itself from the controversial visit by Dr Garret FitzGerald to Northern Ireland, while insisting he was welcome in the province whenever he pleased.

But in the wake of angry Uionist reaction to the Irish Minister's visit, Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Norther Ireland, implicitly criticized the Irish delegation for its visit to Londonderry, seen as a pre-election boost for the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

Tensions within the province always increase during the run-up to polling day.

As Dr FitzGerald left Dublin for a trip to North America, where he wil make several speeches on Ulster, Mr Hurd said: "I think it is right that Dr FitzGerald an others making plans should take into account the sensitivities of the majority as well as the sensitivities of the minority."

Mr Hurd said that the Government had been told of the arrangements but that as Dr FitzGerald had not asked for any advice it had not given any.

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Ulster switches its policy on investment

The main focus of the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board's efforts to attract inward investment to the province is to be shifted to Japan, Hong Kong and Britain and its generally unrewarding concentration on continental Europe is to be reduced.

The board's efforts in Northern Ireland are also likely to be scaled down in the foreseeable future as it pursues what it sees as more promising porspects with expansive Japanese industry, mobile Hong Kong capital and the increasingly buoyant and expansive British industry.

The board is to publish its new medium-term strategy today. Changes it will contain will include an enhanced concentraiton on service industries as a potential source of new jobs.

Correction

Comments about the alleged illegality of Labour councillors withholding documents from opposition members on Southwark Borough Council were attributed in *The Times* yesterday to Mr Gerry Armstrong, the borough's deputy director of social services, instead of to Mr Toby Eckersley, the Conservative leader.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 80; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pts 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 126; Morocco Dir 9.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 150; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 80.00; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 350

Teachers' dispute

Quarter of councils 'back union'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Thirty-one education authorities, including two Conservative councils, have now signed statements accepting the teachers' case for more money, the National Union of Teachers disclosed yesterday.

That meant that more than a quarter of the 104 authorities in England and Wales recognize the decline in teachers' pay since the Houghton award of 1974, and believe that the present 4 per cent offer was inadequate and that the employers' call for arbitration should be set aside, the union said.

North Yorkshire yesterday joined Buckinghamshire, which last week came out in support of the teachers, as the second Conservative council to support the teachers' case for more pay. Other authorities to join the list yesterday were Brent, Hounslow and Tameside. All 31 authorities will now be exempt from the NUT's campaign of selective strikes.

Twenty-four of the 31 signing authorities are Labour, two are Tory, three are hung and two Independent.

These councils have also agreed that the employers and teacher unions should together seek to obtain the necessary money to fund an increased pay award from central government.

Yesterday officials representing the local authority employers had preliminary talks with civil servants about repealing the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965 and establishing a voluntary negotiating forum to cover both pay and conditions of service. Further talks are expected.

Employers want to negotiate on the concordat which gives the two representatives of the department of Education and Science on the Burnham committee 15 votes and a veto over the global sum for the annual pay award.

It is rumoured that if Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, refuses to agree to a reform of the Burnham machinery, the local authorities will tear up the Concordat and refuse to allow the DES more than two votes in the management panel.

The second biggest teacher's union said yesterday that there was going to be an intensification of strike action in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, where authorities have docked the pay of teachers who refused to attend parents', staff or departmental meetings.

● The NUT announced last night which 39 authorities would be affected by selective strikes next week. They are:

Bury, Sefton, Trafford, Wirral, Humberside, Rotherham, Barnsley, Kirklees, Doncaster, Bradford, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Walsall, Solihull, Wolverhampton, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Surrey, Kent, East and West Sussex, Hampshire, Cornwall, Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, and the five London boroughs of Barnet, Merton, Bexley, Barking and Croydon.

Parties join battle for small majorities

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

More than 24 million people are entitled to vote in today's county council elections, but fewer than half of them are likely to do so.

Opposition parties are confident that there will be a strong anti-Conservative vote and it seems certain that there will again be several "hung" results in which no party has an overall majority.

Widespread boundary changes and the presence of the Social Democrats in strength for the first time make the outcome hard to predict.

Majorities in some divisions are so small that it is possible that many local results will go against the national trend.

For example, Labour could still lose control of Avon even if it does well overall. Labour controls the 76-seat council there with a majority of two, and some of its majorities on individual seats are very small.



Labour is defending several counties in which it made unexpected gains in the last shire elections four years ago.

Elections are being held in 47 counties and there is no overall majority in 10 of them. The Conservatives enter the election with clear majorities in 18 counties, while Labour holds 14, independents four and Liberals one.

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HOW THE SHIRES VOTE

English county councils – shares of the vote (%)

	Con	Lab	Alliance	Others
1973 shire election	44	34	6	15
1977 " "	74	15	3	8
1981 " "	48	35	11	6
1983 general election	50	21	28	1
1984 Euro election	48	30	21	1
Welsh county councils				
1973 shire election	12	48	4	36
1977 " "	24	35	2	39
1981 " "	13	51	4	32

English figures are only for counties where elections are being held today; Alliance shares for 1973 and 1977 are for Liberals only.

Peers regroup against GLC Bill

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Labour and Alliance peers yesterday were working on a strategy for tackling the Local Government Bill, meaning that the Government would again have to face an attempt by members of all parties to replace the Greater London Council with another elected authority.

After the Government scraped home with a majority of four on Tuesday night, relieved ministers were saying that the Bill's main hurdle had been crossed and its fundamental principle – the abolition of the GLC without its replacement by another authority – had been endorsed and could not be raised again.

But yesterday it became clear that the opposition parties in the remaining nine days of the committee stage will try to widen considerably the scope of the "residuary body". This body is already provided for in the Bill, but the Government envisages that it will serve minor tidying up functions after abolition, such as the management of existing debt, redundancy payments, and preparing final accounts.

As the Lords discusses the various services being handed to the London boroughs under the Bill, peers will try to have them transferred instead to the "residuary body", which will then assume a far greater significance than the Government ever planned.

If they are successful, and the Government admits it will be difficult to reproduce day after day its turnout of Tuesday night, an attempt will be made during the report stage beginning in June to make the "residuary body" an elected authority.

In effect it will be yet another vote on whether there should be a mini-GLC, and the Government will again face the difficulty of raising its full Lords strength.

Union vote rigging inquiry may be reopened

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vote. He agreed that there could well be other irregularities.

As a rule of thumb for deciding on the 12 batches of ballot papers he examined, Mr Garnett chose branches where there had been an overwhelming vote for Mr Todd or where complete books each of 50 ballot papers had been used up exactly. He said that in the case of one branch returning 799 votes for Mr Todd and one spoilt paper, the odds on that happening without rigging would be 1 in 40,000.

In a remark at the press conference which caused gasps of astonishment, Mr Garnett said: "What makes me most angry is that if people are going to insult democracy, they take so little trouble about it. It is best not to insult democracy in the first place."

He recommended that the tightening of controls at branch level ought to include branch scrutineers signing a declaration that the ballot had been fairly conducted, scrutineers at the subsequent regional count questioning votes of more than 85 per cent for one candidate, sufficient voting time to be extended for branches with scattered memberships and the introduction of a special form, used in the London region, to check for obvious irregularities.

The report completely exonerates Mr Sid Staden, the regional secretary who had been at the centre of the allegations. The regional counting of last spring's vote had been scrupulously conducted Mr Garnett said, and he praised Mr Staden for his "sincerity of purpose and honourableness."

Mr Evans, in a statement issued before it become known that Mr Garnett wanted to reopen the inquiry, said that the union was "dismayed" at the findings of rigging in the eight branches



Mr John Garnett: Union officials "played it straight"

£8m cash back from DeLorean

Nearly £8 million has been recovered from the DeLorean sportscar project, three years after it collapsed with the loss of £77 million taxpayers cash, it was disclosed in the Commons last night.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said £1.8 million had been recovered from the Dunmurray site in West Belfast where the DeLorean factory was sited. Another £6 million has been obtained through the sale of cars and various assets.

With legal action underway against Mr DeLorean and Mr Arthur Andersen, former auditors to the failed car group, Mr Boyson told MPs: "The Government will leave no stone unturned in getting money back which went adrift."

His announcement came during the debate on a highly critical report by the Commons public accounts committee which described the DeLorean affair, as one of the gravest cases of the misuse of public resources for years.

Docklands plan for Olympics

By Pat Butcher

A decision to build a new stadium, costing £100 million in London's dockland could be made in time to influence the British Olympic Association's choice of potential venue for the 1992 Olympic Games.

The 30,000-seat stadium, which could house all the indoor Olympic sports, is the subject of a feasibility study. Mr Ron Dane, the manager of Inward Investments for the London Dockland Development Corporation, said yesterday a decision could be made before the end of June.

Bids from cities wishing to stage the games have to be with the BOA by June 30. The City of London made a formal bid last week.

The cities' representatives will present their case to the BOA on July 12.

The IOC has extended its own closing date for 1992 bids from May 15 to August 15, to accommodate a late British application.

Advertising 'would drive BBC down market'

By Rupert Morris

Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, yesterday rebutted the much-touted suggestion that the corporation should take advertising

Speaking at a lunch in London to members of the Newspaper Society, owners of Britain's, owners of Britain's provincial Press, he said that the BBC's critics were partial, the advertising lobby was interested in "profits, not programme", and the introduction of advertising would bankrupt many independent broadcasters, and drive the BBC downmarket.

Instead, the BBC was submitting to the Peacock committee, which is inquiring into the corporation and its financing, "proposals for broadcasting the base of the licence fee, easing methods of collection and, most importantly, for lessening the burdens on the poorest members of the community".

Mr Young said afterwards that those proposals would include a £10 car radio licence fee, which would raise £100 million a year radio licence, multiple-set licences, and free black-and-white television for the poor.

● Mr Robbie Thomas, aged 52, vice-chairman and editorial director of North Wales Newspapers, is the new president of the Newspapers Society. He succeeds Mr Tim Morris, chairman of the *Birmingham Post and Mail*.

Doctors settle libel case

The final part of a libel action over allegations against Dr Sidney Gee in the BBC television series *That's Life* was settled yesterday in London when Dr Gee accepted money paid into court by two doctors who made comments to the *That's Life* team about Dr Gee's treatment of patients.

Dr Clemency Mitchell, a general practitioner, and Dr Roger Blackwood, a heart specialist, denied libel.

The BBC agreed last week to pay £75,000 damages and about £1 million costs.

The hearing was adjourned until today for details

● The BBC has reached an out-of-court settlement with Mr Calum Kennedy, the entertainer who waged a three-year battle to stop the corporation broadcasting a documentary which he claimed "sent him up," the Court of Session in Edinburgh was told yesterday.

Employers split on cost of earnings-linked pension

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Business and industry leaders yesterday clashed over government proposals to abolish the state earnings related pensions scheme. The Confederation of British Industry reaffirmed its fears that abolition could cost business £3 billion a year, but the Institute Directors called or the "immediate" end of the scheme.

The confederation said the Government Actury had shown that abolishing the scheme could push up industry's national insurance contributions by £3 billion a year. Under the scheme employers receive a rebate on their national insurance contributions for the 10 million employees in occupational pension schemes which are contracted out of the earnings-related scheme, while those whose employees are contracted in to the state scheme, about 11 million, pay the full higher rate.

If the earnings-related scheme was abolished, and the rebate with it, industry's national insurance contributions would rise by £3 billion. Even if a new national insurance rate was set between the present contracted in and contracted out rates, the likeliest move according to Whitehall report, industry could face a £1 billion a year bill.

"That would be very damaging indeed for industry, making it difficult for us to compete in world markets and putting companies and jobs at risk", the confederation said.

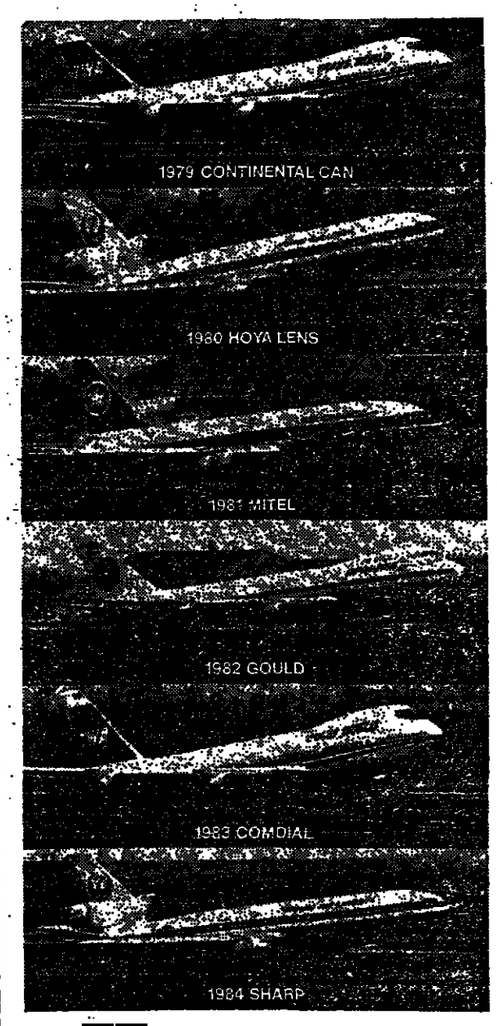
The confederation was also worried about the potential "enormous" cost of having to help finance private pensions for employees if the earning-related scheme goes.

The institute, however, said the long-term cost of the earnings-related scheme, £25 billion a year by 2030 on some estimates, was insupportable.

The institute conceded, in apparent support of Treasury attacks on Mr Norman Fowler's figures on the abolition of the scheme, that abolition "will not result in any net savings in government expenditure for several years."

The institute's comments came in a late attempt to affect the outcome of the reviews arguing that £11.5 billion, more than a quarter of the £40 billion social security budget, could be saved, chiefly for tax cuts.

The institute calls for no real increase in benefit rates for at least two years, a £3.3 billion saving by replacing child benefit with tax-allowances, the introduction in the longer term of more compulsory private insurance, tighter spending controls, and the gradual elimination of the higher long-term supplementary benefit rate, saving another £5.3 billion.



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New deal for consumers sought against firms restarting after liquidation

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

New legal sanctions to protect consumers were called for yesterday by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading.

He said in his annual report that there was an urgent need particularly to protect consumers against companies that went into liquidation only to restart elsewhere under a new name after shedding their debt difficulties.

There had been improvements in consumer protection, partly through industrial sector codes offbehaviour set up with Office of Fair Trading help, but there would be a need for the ultimate sanction of new laws to combat the worse mischiefs, Sir Gordon said.

He went on: "Clear laws and firm enforcement are clearly of great importance. Nor should we rest content with the law as it stands at present."

Sir Gordon is expected to produce in the early summer a discusssiondocument which will suggest an extension of consumer protection law. It would involve a general statutory duty on compainies to trade fairly, leaving detailed guidelines to codes of practice to be worked out in all sectors.

There has been anxiety at Sir Gordon's office about some rogue home improvement traders. A code of practice governing car selling has not been fully effective because some sellers have not been members of the trade association which has adopted a code.

In his report Sir Gordon says: "I am firmly of the opinion that legislation is urgently needed to protect the consumer against the situation when a company goes cold-bloodedly into liquidation, leaving its customers at the tail end of the creditors' queue, but reappears, sometimes within weeks, to recommence trading under a new name. And I am not sure the Insolvency Bill goes far enough." The Bill places more sanctions on directors in liquidation cases.

He goes on: "Not all companies or trade associations are self starters in taking the consumer interest into account when adopting new practices or latest technologies. Some may need a gentle push, or even a sharper elbow jab, from me or another source as an initial impetus."

If a trade sector is willing to act to help consumers his office would be willing to offer guidance and encouragement, Sir Gordon said. There was a greater willingness in commercial circles to take on board the customers' points of view if only for sound commercial reasons, he added.

Among improvements in the past year noted bu Sir Gordon had been clarification of how consumer credit worthiness was calculated, a motor-cycle trade code of practice and a building trade scheme, guaranteeing consumers against the effect of a builder's bankruptcy.

Competition considerations were of importance and should be fully taken into account in government plans for privatization or deregulation.

In scrutiny of mergers for effects on competition Sir Gordon said he was convinced it was necessary to retain flexibility to assess each bid on its merits.

Mergers involving more than £30 million in assets are removed from scrutiny, compared with the earlier £15 million ceiling, but Sir Gordon said that these smaller mergers might still qualify for investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission



Hay fever blamed for poor exam results

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Schoolchildren with hay fever may lose vital marks in examinations because of their condition, and some may even fail to get to university because of it, according to a survey published yesterday.

One in three teachers favour changes in examination times to avoid the peak hay fever season, and eight out of 10 teachers believe that vulnerable pupils lose up to 5 per cent in marks when sitting their A Levels.

"Even a small drop in marks can have a disastrous effect on the grades pupils achieve", Dr Tom Smith, co-ordinator of the survey, said. "Some pupils are unlikely to achieve the success of which they are capable because hay fever affects their examination performance."

The survey involved 305 heads of fifth and sixth forms in England and Wales, and was sponsored by Merrell Pharmaceuticals.

Hay fever affects one in 10 people, according to a separate survey published yesterday by the Consumers' Association in *Which?* magazine. The survey of 1,700 sufferers showed eight out of 10 believed they were "very badly" or "fairly badly" affected.

For children taking examinations, "summer can be hell" and parents should tell head teachers well in advance, the report says. "It is then up to the examination board to decide if your child's case merits special allowance."

However, the teachers' survey showed that 14 per cent of teachers would not notify examinations boards of hay fever sufferers, apparently because some see the condition as an excuse offered by badly performing candidates.

The Consumers' Association says corticosteroid sprays or sodium cromoglycate sprays, snuff or drops are worth trying in cases of nasal or eye irritation only. Antihistamine tablets should be tried if someone has nearly all the symptoms.

Farm centre to protect rare breeds

A collection of rare breeds of farms animals was opened to the public yesterday at Hildenborough, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Among the early visitors was Tamsin Linch (above), aged seven, who got straight down to the task of making friends with a British Saanen kid goat.

Rare Farm Animals of Hollanden has been set up by Mr Brian Brooks, a farmer, to protect endangered breeds. The 60 species of ponies, cattle, sheep and pigs include four Eriskay ponies, of which there are only 40 breeding females remaining.

(Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Satellite TV comes to hotels and pubs

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Dozens of aerials are being erected in Britain to receive television programmes direct from satellite in spite of the Government's reluctance to approve the practice.

Most of the organizations which have invested thousands of pounds in the receiving equipment are either operating on some temporary licence or have purchased the receivers in expectation of the regulations being relaxed. Only British Telecom, Mercury and licensed cable operators have the approval to receive signals, in this case television pictures, direct from a telecommunications satellite.

The system, called Satellite Master Antenna Television, is being installed in hotels, educational institutions, public houses and caravan sites around Britain and even oil platforms in the North Sea despite the Government's sluggishness. The Mayfair and Britannia hotels in London and the two Holiday Inns at Heathrow airport are among the first hotels to use or plan to use Satellite television.

The programmes on the satellites are feature films, sport, news, music and general entertainment.

Bradford, Newcastle, St Andrews and Edinburgh universities are among those tuning or planning to tune into the satellites services for foreign-language programming. One of the satellites hovering over Britain, the European Communications Satellite, carries, among others, the French station TV5 and the Italian broadcasts from RAI.

Lying down births 'unnatural'

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Women should be allowed to give birth in positions other than on their back, Dr Faith Haddad, a clinical assistant at Charing Cross Hospital, writes in the journal *Update*.

"The medical establishment tends to regard these women as a vocal minority, and their ideas as a fashion, without scientific support."

But giving birth flat on the back is not a position women adopt naturally. In primitive societies, and in Europe before the sixteenth century, squatting, kneeling or standing was the norm, Dr Haddad writes.

Some studies suggest that allowing women to remain upright, squatting or standing, may shorten labour, as gravity aids the birth.

Pill suicides 'an invention'

A story that two girls aged 12 and 14 committed suicide because of the court ruling that doctors should not put underage girls on the pill without their parents' consent has been proved an invention. Mrs Victoria Gillick claimed yesterday.

Mrs Gillick, whose legal action led to the ruling, said she had telephoned every coroner's court in England and Wales to find the facts, something the Home Office had refused to do. None knew of such deaths.

It had been reported that doctors discussed two cases at a private meeting of the British Medical Association's community Physicians' committee less than a month after the Court of Appeal ruling. One was a girl aged 12 said to have committed suicide believing she would no longer get the pill, the other a victim of incest by her father who feared her mother would get to know.

Mrs Gillick has said the publicity given the alleged suicides let to her being blamed for the girls' deaths. Witnesses have told of a demonstration at a Manchester University meeting with people shouting "murderess" at her for 20 minutes.

"I asked the BMA to investigate and MPs asked the Home Office for the facts. We were refused", she said yesterday. "So I set out to ring all coroners' courts in England and Wales, over 140. I was told there had been no such case from the Court of Appeal judgement on December 20 to the BMA meeting on January 11.

"I hope I shall now get an apology from those who refused to do anything to stop my life being made a hell over something which turns out to be quite untrue."

Doctor saw beaten girl 'only once'

By Tony Samstag

Jasmine Beckford was seen by a doctor only once in the first six months after she was taken from foster parents and returned to her family that killed her, the independent inquiry into her death was told yesterday.

At the end of that six-month period, in November 1982, Brent Council in London decided to remove the child and her younger sister, Louise, from the non-accidental injury register of children at risk. Jasmine Beckford died last July, aged four, while still in the care of the council.

Her stepfather, Maurice Beckford, aged 25, was jailed for 10 years in March for her manslaughter and her mother, Beverley Lorrington, also aged 25, for 18 months for neglect.

The question of medical supervision emerged in cross questioning by Miss Presley Baxendale, counsel for the inquiry panel of Dr John Warner, consultant paediatrician at St Charles Hospital, North Kensington, who dealt with the two children after their admission in 1981 with the injuries that caused them to be taken into care.

Miss Baxendale asked Dr Warner whether it was not unusual that the children should have been seen only once, if that, and then by a general practitioner and not a paediatrician during such a critical period. Dr Warner agreed that he was surprised and said he would have expected at least monthly checks in such circumstances.

The hearing continues today.

'Soldier seen near' shot Army men

A shepherd told a murder trial yesterday how he found three dead men while driving home on an isolated hill track in Midlothian.

Mr William Kenyon, aged 39, told Edinburgh High Court: "My wife and children were in the car and they noticed the body of a person lying in the door of Loganlea Cottage. I shouted 'are you all right' and then I noticed the blood."

That morning he saw an Army Land-Rover being driven quickly to the head of the track where it turned before being driven back down the glen road.

Corporal Andrew Walker, aged 30, of the 1st Battalion, Royal Scots, has denied shooting two soldiers and a retired major with a sub-machine gun and robbing them of £19,000 on January 17.

A hill walker, Mr George Hobday, aged 44, said he saw a figure in military uniform run towards him and disappear near their bloodstained Land-Rover.

The hearing was adjourned until today.



China girl: Carole Hodges, aged 24, a London-based reservations assistant with Cathay Pacific Airways, the Hong Kong airline, who last night presented the first weekly western pop music programme in Chinese broadcast by Radio Luxembourg to the Canton province of southern China. Radio Luxembourg has signed an agreement to provide programmes and advertising sales for Chinese television. Carole was born in Hong Kong and speaks Cantonese fluently (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

£160m plan by hotel chain for UK

By Our Commercial Editor

A £10 million London docklands hotel is likely to be among 26 new Holiday Inns planned in the United Kingdom during the next 10 years by the world's biggest hotel chain.

Holiday Inns plans new investment of £160 million in Britain with the creation of about 2,000 jobs. It also announced in London yesterday a £5 million, 49 per cent stake in the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on which £12.4 million will be spent in refurbishment.

As a Holiday Inn it will be next to the exhibition centre being built on the old Central railway station site.

There are 17 Holiday Inns in Britain, nine of them developed by Commonwealth Holiday Inns of Canada (Chic) which is the key international franchisee.

Holiday Inns based in the United States, is likely to offer franchises for about half of the new British properites, but other companies may be involved as well as Chic. Mr Sigi Bergmann, managing director, Europe, for Holiday Inns said.

● Hong Kong's Mandarin Hotel won the Hotel of the Year Award for the third time in succession last night.

Other hotels, including one in Beira, Mozambique, and one in Lagos, Nigeria, were criticized as being among the worst in the world, at an award ceremony in London.

Ex-Labour MP to lead retailers

Mr Tom McNally, the former Labour MP for Stockport South and political adviser to Mr James Callaghan when he was Prime Minister, has been appointed director general of the retailing organizations.

He also becomes director of the British Retailers Association but the two organizations will remain autonomous.

Detective denies calling theft suspect 'pimp'

A police witness denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he laughed and called a suspect a "pimp" when interviewing him in connection with the alleged theft of cheques totalling £150,000 from the Duke of Devonshire.

Mr Heriaklis "Ricky" Kouzoupis, aged 31, who, it has been alleged "fixed up" the duke with a girl friend, was angry at being described as a "pimp" living off the immoral earnings of a woman, Mr Anthony McNeile, for the defence said.

Mr McNeile told Det Constable Brian Cartwright: "You took the view that my client could be somebody like a pimp and you called him one". The officer replied: "Nothing like that took place".

Replying to Mr Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, PC Cartwright said that he "had no reason" to believe that Mr Kouzoupis was a pimp, although Mr Andrew Shellis, one of the four defendants, had suggested that Mr Kouzoupis obtained the cheques "as a result of his activities in that regard".

Mr Kouzoupis, of Hereford Road, Acton West London, Mr Shellis, aged 43, a haridresser, and his brother Jack, aged 35, a clerk, both of Northolt Road, Harrow, north-west London, and Mr Peter Callaghan, aged 25, a chauffeur, of Leicester Street, Westminster, central London, all deny charges arising out of the alleged theft of the cheques from the duke's bank.

The trial continues today.

VC seller dies in car crash

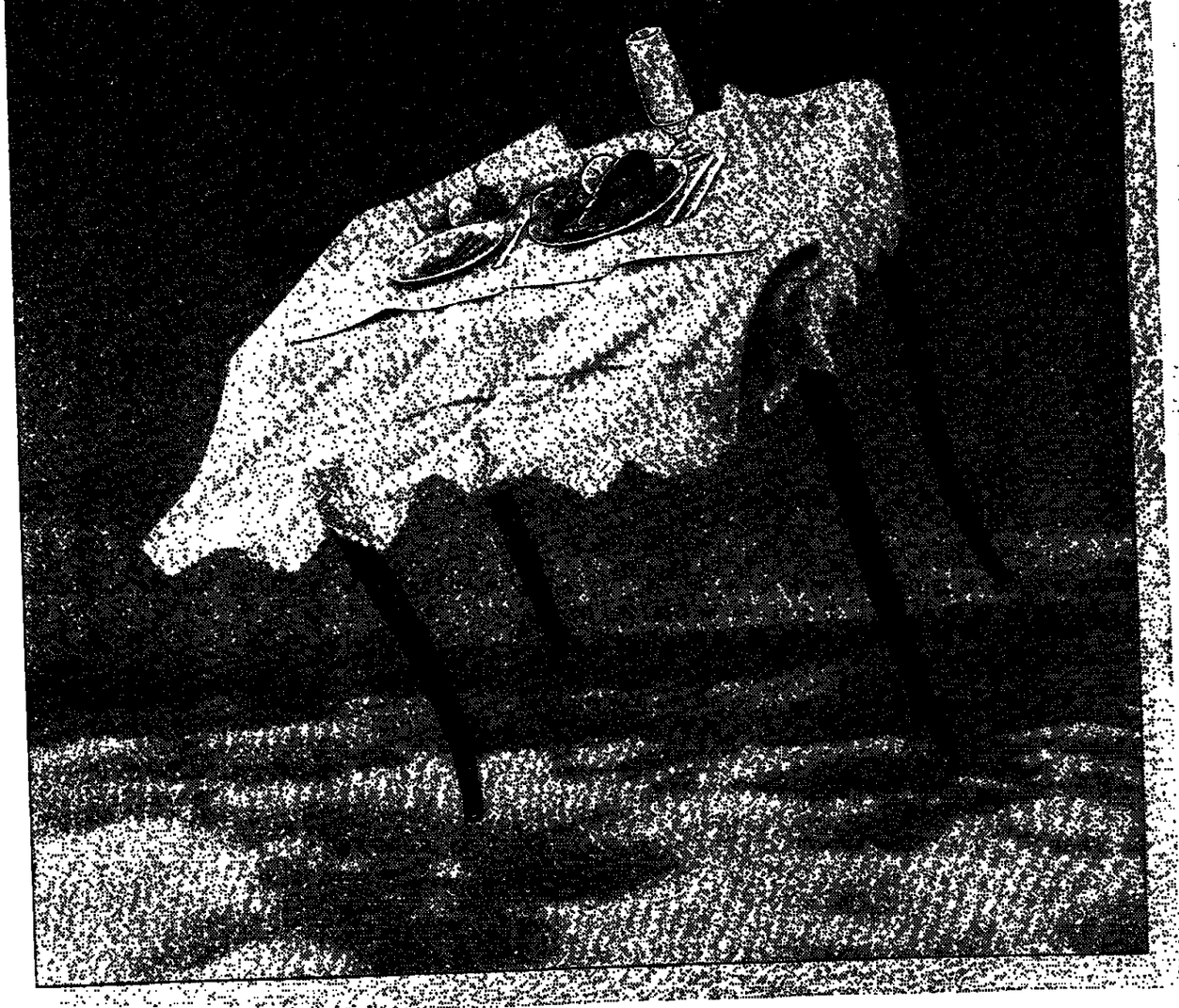
Mr James Nicholson, aged 44, of Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, who sold his father's Victoria Cross two years ago to highlight the plight of war widows has been killed in a car crash. His car ran off the road near Harrogate.

Mr Nicholson and his mother sold Flight Lieutenent James Nicolson's Victoria Cross, the only one awarded during the Battle of Britain, for £110,000 and also lobbied MPs for increased pensions for war widows.

Flu toll 22

The number of deaths from an influenza type virus in Staffordshire had risen to 22 yesterday after two elderly men died in hospital.

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The Government's residual shareholding of 96,652,746 ordinary shares in British Aerospace, together with 50,000,000 new ordinary shares issued by the company, were being offered for sale at a price of 375p per share, of which 200p would be payable on application and 175p by September 10, 1985, Mr *Geoffrey Pattie*, Minister for Information Technology, said in a Commons statement.

All the offered shares had been underwritten. The offer would close on May 10, 1985. Applications for all the offered shares had been received from priority applicants who had been guaranteed allocation of 55 per cent of the shares they had applied for. The remaining 45 per cent were available for applications by the public, subject to the *preferential entitlements* of existing shareholders and eligible employees of the company.

Mr Timothy Wood (Stevenage, C): I am delighted that the sale of the British Aerospace shares is going so satisfactorily. I hope many workers in the industry will take up shares themselves. This sale of shares is widely welcomed within the aerospace industry as a whole.

Mr Pattie: The sale of the Government shareholding has been welcomed by the company because British Aerospace has demonstrated its ability to operate profitably in the private sector and I am sure the aerospace industry and the whole country will benefit from the return of this company to full private membership.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, L): Today's statement is a further breach of the undertaking given by the Government that it would retain at least 25 per cent of the shareholding. Virtually all the profits of this company come from military orders, which are totally dependent on public funding.

There is national interest involved which is being abandoned by this sale. Far from that being welcome, there will be widespread anxiety in the country at the handing over of this national asset to private interests.

Mr Pattie: I refute totally what he said. This is not a question of abandoning a national interest because in 1981, before the first stage of privatization took place it was said that no further move would be made for the forseeable future. It was indicated then that would be for about a year or two.

The special share, the details of which are set out in the prospectus, will actual totally safeguard the *national position*. The special share is being invested in the Secretary of State.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L): Why does he believe the sale of these shares will make British Aerospace more efficient? British Aerospace has difficult dealing with its European partners because they have more government support *than we have for our industry.*

The sale of these shares has more to do with raising Goverment *money with making* one of our primary defence industries more efficient.

Mr Pattie: *It certainly does not have* anything to do with that particular issue. If he would care to consult the company he would discover quite quickly they are extremely pleased to have this opportunity, not only of a rights issue, but also shares available on the market, which will indicate to the world at large they are not dependent on having a *major government shareholding* for their success.

Mr Henry Bellingham (North West Norfolk, C): Many small shareholders will welcome today's announcement. What special measures will he take to favour the small shareholder in the allocation?



Millan: National interest is being abandoned

Mr Pattie: Our attitude is favourable to the interests of the small shareholder. Until the offer has been subscribed, *we cannot make any* statement at this stage as to what the basis of allocation might be.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab): This company cannot be a profitable company without *Government support. It is entirely* dependent on Government money. It is a nonsense to sell off in this manner a company which is absolutely dependent.

Mr Pattie: He is doing a great disservice to British Aerospace by describing it as being dependent on *Government support. It is not.*

These is a world of difference between that and Government contracts. Also there is the business of 69 per cent he conveniently ignores which is export business, not from the Government.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP): What proportion of the remaining tranche to be sold off has been reserved for employees?

Mr Pattie: We have reserved five million shares for employees.

Mr John Smith, Chief Opposition spokesman on Trade and Industry: The main reason the Government is proceeding with this sale now is the need for the Treasury to raise more *money. That has been put far ahead* of any question of profitability of the industry.

The Government is breaking a pledge it gave the House. It told the Commons when legislation was being discussed that it would retain *25 per cent of the shareholding.* Only when the Government decided to renege on its commitment of 25 per cent it pushed the golden share into place.

Will Kleinwort Benson bankers, who are handling this, on this *occasion allow their employees to* buy the shares as the Government has confirmed happened in the case of British Telecom, and which surprisingly appeared to be approved of by the Government?

Mr Pattie: The purpose of the *undertaking originally given that 25* per cent of the shares would be retained was that this would block *any change in the articles of* association dealing with foreign ownership. As the special share will be equally effective in achieving that purpose, there is obviously no reason to retain the 25 per cent shareholding.

Kleinwort Benson are advising British Aerospace: they are not advising the Government. The Government are being advised by Lazard Brothers who have indicated to us that their staff directly involved in this exercise will not be *allowed to participate.*

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages. **Lords (3.0)** *Local Government Bill*, committee, third day. Representation of the People Bill, report.

Warning to Japan on trade practices

EXPORTS

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, warned Japan that unless its trading surplus was abated, unless its markets were opened and it desisted from some its trading practices, protectionist forces would be *impossible to resist.*

He was replying in the Commons to Labour and Conservative MPs who angrily referred to contracts lost by British firms, such as the building of the Bosphorus Bridge, to the Japanese, and to Japan's predatory pricing policy.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) wondered what representations Mr Tebbit had made to the Japanese Government on the disgraceful dumping price in the building of the Bosphorus Bridge and this assault on Britain's *legitimate trading interests?*

Mr Tebbit: When I was in Japan I was not aware of the scale of the subsidy being offered by Japanese contractors and other partners in seeking to gain that contract.

The bid by British companies and the scale of aid offered by the British Government were highly competitive with the Japanies' bid and aid. However, the same was not true of either the price or the scale of aid offered on the associated road works. In particular, our partners in foreign companies could not go further than the aid package offered by the Japanese.

It does seem to me that the Japanese tactics on this contract were scarcely compatible with their avowed aim to reduce their trading surplus and this no doubt will be brought to their attention.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C): On predatory pricing, the 900 bridge builders in my constituency would welcome firmer international rules on *the extent to which Governments* subsidize companies in important contracts of this kind?

Mr Tebbit: I would welcome not only firmer rules but firmer willingness to abide by them but in this case it does not seem that the Japanese Government broke such rules as they are.

Mr George Park (Coventry, North East, Lab) asked what steps the Government was taking on these practices.

Mr Tebbit: There are a *number of* steps that can be taken some of which I urged on the Japanese Government, for example, the Government of Japan itself could give a good example to the people of Japan by making capital purchases from overseas.

It could also help by measures to *internationalize the yen so that the* yen level more accurately reflected the steagth of its manufacturing economy.

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C): The Japanese *dumping of credit is a disgrace and* is simply hijacking our country. Bridge-building taking place in Darlington is going to be eliminated as a result of this and many other British companies will have their opportunities destroyed by such policies. What is Mr Tebbit going to do about it?

Mr Tebbit: I can well understand the anger, because it is clearly the case where the British company was competitive. It was a better bid than that of the Japanese company. It was a case where British Government aid to that company was on the same level as the Japanese but unfortunately the companies associated with us were not as smart as the Japanese companies who were associated with them.

I agree that the action of the Japanese Government in offering *cheap credit and subsidy to the* extent they have is foolish indeed, probably unnecessarily so in the circumstances to get the order and is undoubtedly incompatible with the programme they have announced to reduce their trade surplus. That will *be brought to their attention.*

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition *spokesman on trade and industry:* There is a great difference between Japanese professions and Japanese action. What undertakings, if any, did he get from the Japanese about a change of policies and in the absence *of undertakings, what action will be* take to ensure they are given?

Mr Tebbit: The undertakings I received with the Japanese Government were concerned with the opening and liberalization of their markets, in particular an undertaking to seek to reduce non-tariff barriers where we can show effective non-tariff barriers in force.

There was great deal of discussion but no guarantee about the liberalization of financial markets. I believe it will occur but much too slow for my liking.

Mr Roger King (Birmingham, Northfield, C): Unless our goods are what the Japanese people, as opposed to the Japanese Government, want, they are not likely to *buy from us. Accordingly, we should* look to whether Japanese goods are better than our own products.

Mr Tebbit: Yes. The essence of a successful economic system must be competitiveness. In some areas, our goods are selling extremely well. Wegewood china is selling so well that Japanese manufacturers go as near as they dare to counterfeiting in imitation its styling and marketing.

Car buyers urged to look at UK quality

BL PLANS

There was no formal bid from British Leyland, within the corporate plan, for additional funding, Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

He denied an assertion by Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, that the Department of Trade and *Industry* was "at war" with Austin Rover.

When Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) asked why the British were reluctant to buy British cars, Mr Butcher said British vehicle builders had made great strides. Unfortunately, many British people had acquired the habit of buying foreign cars and were not looking, *as they should, at the* increased quality and the range of models now coming forward from British builders.

I hope they will re-acquire the habit (he said) of at least looking at British products again.

Mr Smith had asked for confirmation that in the corporate plan there was a proposal to build a replacement for the A series engine at a cost of £250m and said the Government had refusfd to endorse BL's request. Mr Butcher should end the uncertainty caused by the Government's reluctance to support the only remaining independent British vehicle manufacturer and should support British industry instead of forcing it into the hands of the Japanese.

Mr Butcher said relations between BL and the DTI were in their usual excellent shape. There is no confrontation or warfare. BL's future product development strategy was one of the major matters to be considered as part of the corporate plan.

Earlier Mr Butcher said that in the first quarter of 1985, 57.9 per cent of the United Kindgom's passenger car market was taken by imports. In 1978 the figure was 49.3 per cent.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab) said these figures proved that the British motor industry was not being defended. The multinationals should manufacture here and not import complete vehicles from abroad. The Japanese should be told that local content meant content made in this country and not European content.

Mr Butcher said that between 1974 and 1979 motor vehicle imports doubled from 28 per cent to 56 per cent. This Government's duty was to see that the more malignant trends over that period were reversed and that the motor industry became more competitive.

Mr Terence Davis (Birmingham, Hodge Hill, Lab) asked Mr Butcher to confirm the Government's refusal to allow BL to produce a new engine, forcing them to buy Japanese engines with the loss of 5,000 jobs, mainly at Longbridge.

Mr Butcher said Mr Davis should not spread alarm and despondency like that. The matter would be considered as part of the corporate plan. Mr Davis' question was pure conjecture.

Mr John Powley (Norwich South, C): *One of the ways to improve* British car production and improve import penetration is for MPs inside and outside this House to condemn practices such as industrial disputes, go-slows, demarcation disputes and excessive wage demands, which will *improve quality, improve* productivity and improve the delivery of British cars to the British market. (Labour protests).

Mr Butcher: He is right inidentifying some of the causes in the past of the difficulties of the British motor industry. Many of these malignant trends are now being put into reverse and British consumers *should look yet again at the British* products.

Community radio experiments likely

BROADCASTING

The Government will announce shortly its plans for the future of community radio in the United Kingdom, Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State, Home Office, said during question time in the House of Lords. Lord Aylestone (SDP), former chairman of the IBA, had asked: Does the Government propose to introduce community radio into the United Kingdom before the Peacock Committee has reported on the future of broadcasting.

Lord Glenarthur: We are anxious to provide an early opportunity for the development of community radio, perhaps starting with some experimental stations. But a range of matters, including the means by which it might be financed, must be considered in our study of how the development of community radio *can best be taken forward.*

Lord Aylestone: In view of the terms of reference of the Peacock Committee, is it not a little unwise to commence yet another system of radio financed by advertising revenue before the committee reports.

Lord Glenarthur: I do not believe that the existence of the committee need preclude our setting up, for example, some experimental community radio stations.

Lord Mischon (Lab): Is he saying that *even in the experiments* advertising may take place before Peacock recommends whether or not that is a good thing not affecting the quality of radio?

Lord Glenarthur: The Home Secretary (*Mr Leon Brittan*) will be making a statement before long. The existence of the Peacock Committee need not inhibit us from setting up some experimental community radio stations.

Women's salaries still lagging behind

HOUSE OF LORDS

Despite the growing level of *unemployment the steady growth of* women in employment had continued, **Lady Lockwood** (Lab) said in opening a House of Lords debate on the positio of women in economic and social affairs and public life. Today women rep*resented 43 per cent of the labour* market, she said. The growth in married women's economic activity had been particularly significant, rising from a rate of 20 per cent in 1951 to 50 per cent in 1981.

There were, however, enormous *differences between women's* position in employment and men's. This was illustrated by the average hourly earnings for women, still only 75 per cent of men's average hourly earnings, having risen from 63 per cent in 1970.

Lady Gardner of Parkes (C) said there was a vast difference between the rights of women on paper and in *reality. There had been clean* examples of women's progress, but the debate on women's affairs was characterized either by over-aggressive and totally counter-productive attitudes or by complacency.

There was a situation where women felt emotional guilt. Those who stayed at home to look after their children quite often made *considerable sacrifice to do so. They* were accused of being "only housewives". It was equally wrong for those women who chose careers to be accused by others of failing their families. Women should have the right and opportunity to make *their own choices in life. They* should be supported as much by other women as by anyone else.

Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, said that during the 10 years since the Sex Discrimination Act was passed there had been considerable progress, but a great deal still needed to be done. Direct discrimination in this country today was relatively rare, but Britain was riddled with indirect discrimination.

The vast majority of women, particularly but not exclusively married women, suffered from interruptions in employment. If men would share more in dealing with family chores it would help tremendously and she hoped the Government would not take too *chauvinist a line about parental* leave.

Lord Robson of Kiddington (L) said that in the House of Commons only 4 per cent were women compared with 28 per cent in the Swedish parliament. The reason could be *traced to the social conditions. In* this country there was one of the lowest percentages of nursery places for the under fives anywhere in Europe.

Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab) said it was ironic that the first government to be led by a woman should be undermining the opportunities for working women. At no point did the *Government's record display* enough sympathy for the Prime Minister's peers and contemporaries who, like her, happened to be working family women.

Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said it was encouraging that women were increasingly making use of their freedom. The *full use of their potential would* benefit not only women as individuals but society as a whole. It was disappointing that women were still concentrated in the less well paid and less responsible jobs.

The Government recognized that under the present tax system there was not equality of opportunity between married women and men and the Chancellor *in his* latest Budget had said he would publish a green paper on tax reform to give everyone, married or single, male of female, the same standard tax allowance.

Ex-ministers defend role in Ulster car project

DE LOREAN

Former Labour ministers strongly defended their actions in arranging Government support for the De Lorean project to build luxury gull-winged sports cars in Northern Ireland.

In a Commons debate on a Public Accounts Committee report critical of the ill-fated production line, Mr *Roy Mason*, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 1976-79, in recalling negotiations in 1978, said *from no sources whatsoever had* there been the slightest suggestions that the De Lorean team was suspect either as it stood or in the track record of its members.

He believed the De Lorean motor car company could have been saved *and that the Conservative administ*ration had been lax in its handling of the affair. He was sorry for all those who had lost their jobs because of this lackadaisical approach.

He told those officials involved at *that exacting and exciting time that* it was worth doing and fighting for and they need have no sense of shame.

Mr Robert Sheldon, the present Labour chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, in opening the debate, argued that the risks involved in giving taxpayers' money to De Lorean Motor Cars Ltd to produce the luxury car were not given sufficient weight when they should have served as a warning.

The PAC had described the affair as one of the gravest cases of misuse of public resources to come before it in many years and a shocking misappropriation of funds. The company had received about £77 million of UK taxpayers' money *and lost most of it within four years.*

Mr Don Concannon (Mansfield, Lab) a former Minister of State for *Northern Ireland*, said if he and his colleagues had followed Mr Sheldon's policy many of the successes in the province would not have been a success because they would not have got past first base.

Mr Mason pointed out Mr Sheldon had been a Treasury minister at the time and the Treasury had to be won over before the deal could be finalised.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said at the time the De Lorean project was conceived the Government of the day, like the present administration, was concerned about the high level *of unemployment in the Province.* This was – and still was – particularly severe in West Belfast.

Money was not being put up by the Government where no private money was being put up.

Mr Concannon said he had been a minister and had spent considerable time going into Mr De Lorean's background with General Motors who had told him that if he was looking for someone like that, Mr De Lorean was the only man who could do it. If he went back to General Motors they would set him on. That had been the feeling he had got from General Motors and Chrysler and others.

Dr Boyson said the road to Hell was paved with good intentions and the fact was that the project had failed. All *the main recommendations of* the PAC report had been accepted and incorporated into procedures for handling industrial development projects in Northern Ireland.

In reply to a question, Dr Boyson said that £6 million had been recovered of *the Government* losses, and the site at Dunmurry, worth £1.8 million.

Mr Mason said the Labour Government which opened negotiations with De Lorean had to take social considerations into account. The Cabinet agreed his scheme to tackle this enormous problem by giving him new financial aids *designed to attract investment into* the province. Seven new American companies were attracted, of which De Lorean was one. The six others were now providing 2,300 jobs, and some had entered into expansion agreements.

It was by any standards a major achievement and Mr Concannon and he were both of the opinion that, had they stayed on, with their keen interest in the project, allied with the political will to succeed, De

Mr Enoch Powell (Down South, OUP) said it was a degrading misunderstanding, to confuse terrorism with economic conditions, and it was mistaken to suppose that one could draw the teeth of a terrorist pursuit of a political object by investing in areas where terrorists had their strength.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said he had brought before the Government, before Mrs Thatcher, evidence of an abuse of public funds, but that information *was ignored by the Government and* its agencies for political expediency.

I make that indictment of this Government (he said) just as I indict Mr Mason for his lack of knowledge in doing a deal and jumping rather hastily into bed, *metaphorically speaking, with John* Zachary De Lorean.

Rate rises hit businesses

Scottish businessmen would be obliged to choose between staff lay-offs and total closure as a result of increases in commercial rates, Mr **Archy Kirkwood** (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) said when introducing the Commercial Rate Limitation (Scotland) Bill under the 10-minute rule procedure.

The Bill was read a first time.

No grounds for dismissal of civil servant

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, repeated in the Commons that inquiries undertaken by his department had revealed no grounds for disciplinary action against Mr Denis Pirie, the DTI employee whose extreme right wing activities were disclosed last month.

Mr Tebbit told Labour MPs who pursued the issue that he found the views of extreme socialists, whether national socialists or any other kind, extremely displeasing.

That should not (he added) *give* me a right to dismiss a person for holding such views.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) had asked what was the latest position regarding the civil servant in Mr Tebbit's department whose Nazi background had been looked into.

Is it not strange (Mr Winnick said) that someone who has a known notorious background was taken on in the first place?

Is it not also the case that someone, for instance, who may be a supporter of CND may well be described by those who do the vetting and interviewing as a subversive, whereas a person like this is a civil servant and is going to continue in that job?

Mr Tebbit: He is making a serious mistake in the line of his questioning. There are two problems which may arise in relation to the politician views and activities of a civil servant or potential civil servant.

One is the question of whether he or she may or may not be subversive – that is, a potential traitor. There is another and broader consideration *that whatever political views an* official may hold he is, within the limits of certain ranks of the Civil Service, debarred from active participation in national politics or intervening publicly in matters of national partisan controversy.

Mr Winnick: So he's all right then?

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: *In a reply from the minister it has* been said that the civil servant in question attended meetings at a London hotel, earlier this year, about the formation of a new right-wing organization, but that it was the Government view that since the meetings were held in private no rules were broken.

Is it seriously the Government's position that provided political *activity* does not take place in public, it is permitted under the rules?

Mr Tebbit: There is nothing which would prevent an official from holding his views, or from going to a meeting to listen to those with similar views or discussing his views in private.

I find the views of extreme *socialists, whether national* socialist or any other kind, extremely displeasing. That should not give me a right to dismiss a person for holding such views.

Mr Winnick: You disgusting and evil man.



As the world's first operator of the BAe 146 jetliner Dan-Air congratulates British Aerospace on its receiving the Queen's Award for the technology of this new aircraft.

DAN AIR SCHEDULED SERVICES

Powers sought over drug dealers' assets

From Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter, Preston

Britain's drug investigators are seeking to freeze all assets of leading traffickers on arrest and keep them after a conviction unless it can be proved they were earned legally.

The proposal was put forward yesterday by Mr Barry Price, Chief Constable of Cumbria, at the end of a three-day conference on drugs.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said during the conference in Preston, Lancashire, that the Government would look at the possibility of legislating for such powers.

Any change that placed the onus on the defence rather than the prosecution could face opposition from the legal profession and civil libertarians but Mr Price said: "We have to start forgetting justice... and look at the misery."

Mr Price, chairman of the conference organized by the Assocaiation of Chief Police Officers, said that Mr Shaw had told the conference the police proposal would be considered and the association would be consulted before any Bill was presented.

Mr Price said that a change in the law would not only take away assets which were often salted away by dealers until they came out of prison, but could also be used to finance investigation into drug offences.

He said that as the law stands, money and assets could be seized with drugs at the time of arrest and considered as evidence.

However, important dealers were never found with drugs and they could be arrested only on suspicion of conspiracy. In that situation assets could not be retained by the police.

Even when money was found during an arrest and could be held by the police, investigators could not go beyond it and search for other assets.

Mr Price said the catalyst for the new police proposals was Operation Julie in the late 1970s, when police seized more than £1 million in assets from LSD manufacturers and dealers. They were not able to keep the cash and property although there were convictions.

The recent Hodgson committee had suggested that there should be arrest and conviction but, Mr Price said this would be ineffective and unworkable.

'Burns's sword' goes to Scots museum

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A seventeenth century hanger – a short curved sword – reputed to have belonged to the Scottish poet Robert Burns was bought by the Dumfries Museum on Tuesday evening for £3,080 (estimate £900-£1,200).

The occasion was Sotheby's sale of pictures and silver of Scottish interest at Hopetown House, West Lothian.

The sword has a brass double-shell guard and stained ivory grip. The connection with Burns reported by Sotheby's is on the tenuous side. The hanger is illustrated in the catalogue of the 1896 Burns Exhibition where it is described as "Sword which belonged to Burns" and the property of a certain James Young of Greenock. Sotheby's add that it was inherited by Young from his father who was given it in lieu of a debt.

The Perth Museum was also among the purchasers at the Hopetown sale, paying £5,600 (estimated £3,000-£4,000) to acquire a silver chalice made around 1680 by Robert Gardiner of Perth.

Scottish nationalism was also to the fore in the picture sale with a Scottish private collector paying auction price records for Edward Atkinson Hornel's "The Shawl" at £20,900 (estimated £6,000-£8,000) and William Kay Blacklock's "Children Picking Poppies" at £8,580 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). The sale totalled £406,324 with 15 per cent unsold.

Pots made by Katharine Pleydell-Bouverie far outstripped expectations at Phillips *sale of her former home*, Kilmington Manor, Wiltshire, yesterday. A celadon glazed bowl estimated at £80 to £100 was bid to £1,980 and two vases estimated in the same area to £1,430 and £1,150. These three top prices were paid by members of her family. A well known studio potter, Miss Pleydell-Bouverie died last year at the age of 88.

Engraved gems proved the star turns of Christie's sale of antique jewellery, with a rock-crystal intaglio of about 1500, engraved with Christ on the cross, selling at £11,880 (estimate £1,500-£2,000) to S. J. Phillips, the Bond St dealers. *The sale made £108,529 with 8* per cent unsold and followed a modern jewel sale which had only 4 per cent unsold.

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Defence White Paper

Merchant fleet's decline could endanger our commitment to Nato

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

Concern that the continued decline of the British merchant shipping fleet could make it difficult for Britain to meet some of its defence commitments is expressed in the annual statement on the defence estimates published as a white paper yesterday.

Other points it makes are that there are unlikely to be any significant changes in Britain's contributions to Nato in the foreseeable future and that for Britain to abandon its nuclear deterrent would be a "reckless gamble". It also explains why Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, believes a defence review can be avoided.

An extended discussion of Britain's defence roles inside and beyond Nato will be seen as a response to criticisms of deficiencies in last year's White Paper. Yesterday's document is noticably lacking in a suggestion of any long-term changes in priorities, and amounts to a reaffirmation that the Government believes it has got its defence policy about right.

There have been suggestions that limitations of resources will force the Government to undertake a review of its defence commitments, particularly after the abandonment of the commitment to achieve an annual 3 per cent real growth in spending.

UK MERCHANT FLEET
(Principal categories required for defence purposes)

Number of hulls available

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Tankers	118	100	95	84	78
Breakbulk/general cargo	310	246	204	163	150
Container ships	74	59	56	55	56
Passenger vessels/ferries	170	158	145	144	145
Trawlers	37	35	23	18	16

(1000-1999 Gross Registered Tonnage)

Source: Lloyd's Register of Shipping statistical tables 1984.
Not all ships included are necessarily suitable for defence purposes.

REAL INCREASE IN SPENDING

But the White Paper says: "This takes no account of the continuing impact of the substantial real increase in defence spending between 1978-79 and 1985-86; nor of the significant improvements in efficiency which ensured, and will continue to ensure, that more output is bought for a given cash input. It will certainly be necessary to plan flexibly to match the forward programme to the available cash and to make appropriate provision for contingencies.

"But the forward programme should not be seen as a rigid plan stretching 10 years ahead, establishing commitments in detail to exact equipment numbers with specified in-service dates. It is in practice continually being adjusted for a range of reasons, including technological and industrial contraints and opportunities, as well as budgetary limitations.

"The annual re-costing of forward defence plans, related to assumptions endorsed for costing purposes only, permits necessary adjustments to be made progressively in the light of reappraised requirements or other new developments. It also provides a basic framework within which ministers can authorize expenditure commitments, with confidence that these can be discharged within the future resources expected to be available for defence."

Emphasizing the importance the Government attaches to achieving increased competition in the 46 per cent of the defence budget that it spends on buying equipment, the White Paper says that 60 per cent of new contracts are priced in competition or by other reference to market forces.

NAVY CONCERN OVER FRIGATES

The White Paper goes further than previous government statements in expressing concern about the decline of the British merchant shipping fleet, although it says that at present "with the exception of large deep-sea trawlers for mine-counter-measures operations, there are sufficient ships in each category to meet our defence needs."

However, it goes on: "The recent decline in the overall size of the United Kingdom's merchant fleet has had differing effects upon the various types of vessels needed for defence purposes. It is of concern that, if the decline continues for several more years at the present rate, it could become increasingly difficult for us to discharge at least some of our Nato obligations."

A study into the future trends of availability of types of merchant ship needed for defence purposes is expected to be completed by about the middle of the year, and "the implications for defence, and any consequential action that may be needed, will then be carefully studied."

It also says that after the demise of the distant water fishing fleet, studies are in progress to find means of carrying out the roles in anti-mine operations which would have been performed by trawlers.

The White Paper gives little new information about the Government's long-term intentions about the number of new frigates to be built, or the replacement of the present generation of amphibious shipping, issues which are of concern to the Royal Navy.

IMPORTANCE OF NORWAY FLANK

It does, however, appear to confirm the Government's intention to retain an amphibious capability by saying: "We are considering a range of options for providing a future amphibious capability once the existing specialized ships come to the end of their planned life."

Nato's northern flank, around Norway, is one of the primary areas in which amphibious operations would be likely to be conducted in war. The White Paper refers to "the vital importance" of this flank "to the integrity of the alliance and to the conduct of maritime operations in the Norwegian Sea and Atlantic, as well as to the defence of the United Kingdom itself."

The White Paper outlines Britain's contribution to Nato in four areas: British nuclear forces; on the United Kingdom; on the European mainland; and in the Eastern Atlantic and the Channel. It says: "We remain fully committed to providing a substantial British contribution in all four areas, and there is no likelihood of major changes being made either to the levels or to the capabilities of these forces in the foreseeable future."

FORCE REDUCTION IN FALKLANDS

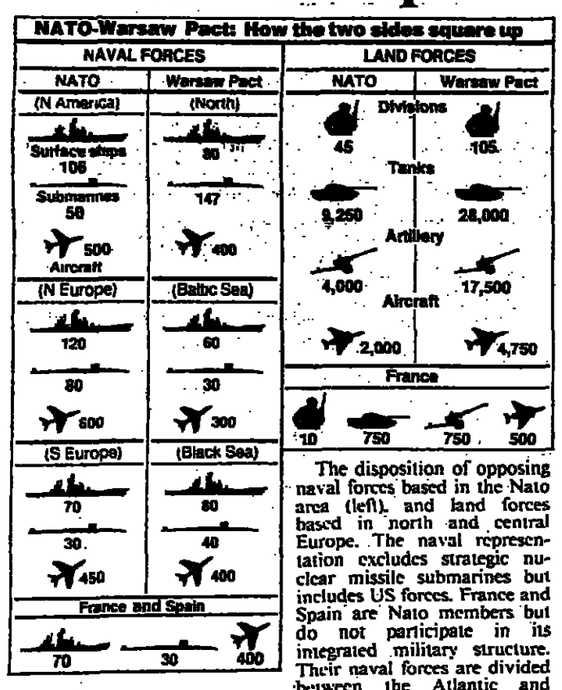
Regarding the Falkland Islands, the White Paper says that the force level maintained there is at the minimum size necessary to defend the islands. It has proved possible to reduce numbers steadily during the past year. The opening of the main runway of the new airfield at Mount Pleasant this month "will greatly improve our rapid reinforcement capability."

When the airport and garrison facilities are complete (which will not be for another year) "we should be able to reduce still further the level of forces permanently stationed on the islands."

Statement on the Defence Estimates, Command Nos 9227-I and 9227-II Stationery Office: vol I £4.50.

Russia well ahead in arms output

NATO-Warsaw Pact: How the two sides square up



The disposition of opposing naval forces based in the Nato area (left), and land forces based in north and central Europe. The naval representation excludes strategic nuclear missile submarines but includes US forces. France and Spain are Nato members but do not participate in its integrated military structure. Their naval forces are divided between the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

The Soviet Union produces more armaments than all the Nato countries combined, according to a special annex dealing with the balance of forces between Nato and the Warsaw Pact in the annual statement on the defence estimates.

It says that the arms output of other members of the Warsaw Pact adds to the imbalance in arms production between the two alliances. In practically all categories of equipment Warsaw Pact production since 1974 has substantially exceeded that of Nato.

The annex gives examples which are taken from figures produced by the United States Defence Department. Between 1975 and 1984 the Warsaw Pact is estimated to have produced 25,500 tanks against Nato's 10,990, and 54,600 other armoured vehicles against Nato's 10,990, and 54,600 other armoured vehicles against Nato's 18,230. It has produced 9,400 tactical aircraft against Nato's 6,730.

The only main category in which Nato is shown as having an advantage is in big surface ships.

The annex says that the Soviet Union has eight different types of submarine under construction.

The Warsaw Pact is constantly enhancing its conventional capabilities in quality as well as in numbers, so that in many areas Nato's technological lead, which has been relied on for many years to compensate for smaller numbers, is being eroded, the annex says.

On strategic nuclear forces it says that during the past 15 years the Soviet Union has been improving and modernizing its forces to a much greater extent than the United States, and its weapons systems are therefore generally much newer.



Dr Glover with Miss Sanderson, wearing a jumper with the names of nurses and doctors who tended her.

Research drug cures Lassa fever nurse

Miss Jill Sanderson, aged 27, the nurse who beat Lassa fever, yesterday spoke of her joy at being released from a plastic tent after nearly eight weeks of treatment.

"The most exciting thing I noticed was the breeze on my face," Miss Sanderson, from Knaresborough, north Yorkshire, told a press conference in Bristol.

Doctors say her recovery at the high-security Ham Green Hospital, near Bristol, was due mainly to a new drug which is still undergoing research.

The nurse, who is thought to have contracted the fever while delivering babies as a volunteer midwife in Sierra Leone, said she would not be returning to Africa to complete a posting with Voluntary Service Overseas, but she said she had decided to continue nursing.

On March 8, in a £32,000 RAF emergency flight, she was flown from Africa to Bristol. She was taken to Ham Green in a plastic tent. She was released from it only last Friday, when doctors declared her clear of the virus, which kills one in three of its victims.

Dr Stuart Glover, the specialist in charge of the Bristol unit, said he believed Miss Sanderson had recovered mainly through the use of the drug, Ribivarin, not yet used in Britain, combined with her personal courage and faith.

Criticism of airport tendering

By Richard Evans

The Falkland Islands airport, due to be officially open within the next few weeks at an estimated cost of £276 million, might have proved less expensive with wider tendering the Commons public accounts committee said yesterday.

The Property Services Agency, which usually demands 10 tenders, is criticized for accepting tenders for just three consortia. The contract was won by Laing-Mowlem-Amey Roadstone.

"Overall we conclude that the way in which the airfield contract was let was not wholly satisfactory."

The MPs say they cannot accept that the agency is justified in pointing to the wide spread of the three tenders as indicating good value. "Further tenders might have included a still lower bid. We trust the PSA will avoid so restricting a field of competition for any future contract of unusually high value."

The MPs also confirm that Whitehall has drawn up a "worst case" figure for the airfield's cost, understood to be about £280 million.

When the MPs took evidence in January they were told the latest estimate was £260 million. "We trust they (PSA) will be able to ensure that the ultimate costs fall well below their 'worst case' estimates" the report adds.

(Committee of Public Accounts, PS.3: Defence works in the Falkland Islands. HC 180. (Stationary Office £3.90)).

Two stand trial in arms case

John Apted, aged 51, of Offchurch Lane, Radford Semele, Warwickshire, and Peter Simpkin, aged 39, of Ashton under Hill, Evesham, were charged at Leamington Spa Magistrates' Court yesterday with illegally exporting military surveillance equipment to Syria and committed for trial at Warwick Crown Court.

They were granted bail on condition that they live at home and surrender their passports.

Shops take over from ballroom

The Co-operative Insurance Society has announced a £5 million restoration scheme for the Cad'oro building in Glasgow's city centre. It takes its name from the Ca d'Oro in Venice.

The company is to restore the former ballroom and restaurant on the corner of Gordon Street and Union Street to provide shop and office accommodation. It was originally built as a furniture warehouse in 1872.

Toys cut-back

Palitoy, one of Britain's largest toy manufacturers, is to cease manufacturing at its factory in Coalville, Leicestershire, with the loss of 297 jobs.

Saddles theft

Thirty saddles and items of tack worth £6,000 have been stolen from a farm near Lydney, Gloucestershire.

State sell-off turns Olivetti chief into food king of Italy

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The ice creams may taste the same, but the whole flavour of the Italian foodstuffs industry has changed overnight with the news that the state has privatized its huge holdings in everything from tinned tomatoes to motorway restaurants in order to concentrate on high technology.

The purchaser is Signor Carlo de Benedetti, the chairman of Olivetti. Ironically he is best known for turning Olivetti into Europe's biggest challenger to the Americans in the field of high technology.

In February he showed his belief in the future of the food industry by buying control of the failing Buitoni company, a leading pasta maker. Now, with the purchase of the state holdings, his grouping is four times bigger on turnover than his nearest Italian competitor and powerful enough to keep away the various multinationals showing an interest in the Italian market. There is already talk of agreements with American companies to market his group's goods in the US.

The purchase, an unprecedented act of privatization, appears to reverse the trend of increasing state participation in the Italian economy. Some murmurs of anxiety have come from the unions.

Much praise has gone personally to Signor Romano Prodi, chairman of the state holding company IRI, who has consistently said the state had no permanent place in the foodstuff business. IRI came by its principal holdings in foodstuffs in 1963, when one of the biggest groups, SME, was in difficulties. It was nationalized, which in Italian terms means the state took a controlling interest while leaving the structure of a normal private company.

IRI is frequently attacked as being simply a support for failing industries. But in this case, it brought profitability back to its foodstuffs interests and handed them over for about the same money, 500,000 million lire (£210 million), that was spent nursing them back to health.

The money will be spent on IRI's increasing interest in telecommunications, which Signor Prodi feels is a much more appropriate field.

EEC battle lines drawn

Bitterness after the taste of champagne

From Ian Murray, Brussels

For the thousandth time the Council of Ministers of the European Communities has been called together today. Appropriately enough, for a community so dominated by the subject, they will be talking about agriculture.

It will be a bitter council and any celebrations will be short-lived as West Germany digs in to its prepared position to withstand any onslaught on cereal prices. Champagne will be quickly disposed of and ministers will probably soon get on to the council's official working drink - whisky.

The council has become Europe's new battlefield, where national interests fight it out into the early hours of the morning.

Since it first met on July 3, 1967, it has become the dominant force in the Community and by its decisons and indecisions set the pace of EEC development.

Today's council may drag on into Saturday, but it is in no danger of setting a record. That was set in March by foreign ministers when they spent five days racing against the clock to complete negotiations for Spain and Portugal to enter the Community.

The real record was set in the old days before the "fusion" treaty of July 1967 which set up a single council and commission for economic, coal and steel and atomic energy communities.

That record, appropriately enough, was also over agriculture. It was the session which brought the common agricultural policy into being and it began on December 18, 1961, adjourned for Christmas and then went on until January 11, 1962.

For the purposes of legal nicety that meeting invented the idea of stopping the clock at midnight on New Year's Eve so that the Common Agricultural Policy could officially come into being from the start of the year.

The clock-stopping ploy has had to be used often since, because ministers are often incapable of negotiating seriously until they are up against a time deadline.

The council has grown and changed significantly since the "fusion" treaty started the new numbering process. In its first full year it met 38 times, on 18 occasions to deal with agriculture. In each of the last two years there has been a total of 80 meetings.

The scope has changed. Whereas in the beginning there were only seven different types of council, last year 20 specialist meetings were convened covering everything from culture to patents and justice, as well as the monthly agriculture, foreign and finance meetings.

The purist should note this is not actually the thousandth time the Council will have met. On seven occasions a session has been convened, awarded a number and then cancelled because it was clear that absolutely nothing could be achieved.

If those criteria were always applied the council would probably have to wait until the next century before celebrating its thousandth meeting.

Ontario's voters put Tories to test

From John Best
Ottawa

The voters of Ontario, Canada's most populous and industrially powerful province, go to the polls in a provincial general election today and there may be some surprises in store.

The Progressive Conservative party, which has controlled the province of nine million people for 42 years, is fighting an unexpectedly strong challenge from the Liberals, with the left-wing New Democratic Party (NDP) also in the thick of the fight.

Opinion surveys have shown the Tories, under Mr Frank Miller, their new leader and Premier, slipping in popularity with the Liberals and the NDP gaining. A Gallup poll at the weekend gave the Tories 43 per cent of the decided vote, the Liberals 33 per cent and the NDP 23 per cent. One per cent went to the other parties.

That represented an 8 per cent decline for the Tories from a similar survey conducted in March, while the Liberals were up 4 per cent and the NDP 3 per cent.

Another poll showed the Conservatives with 40 per cent, the Liberals 34 per cent, and the NDP 26 per cent.

Whether the Tories are actually in danger of losing power remains unclear. Signs of a political earthquake are not that visible, but many observers feel that a minority government is a possibility.

At dissolution of the legislature, the Tories held 72 of the 125 seats.

The campaign issues have ranged across the economic and social spectrum, with Mr Miller, Mr David Peterson of the Liberals, and Mr Bob Rae of the New Democrats competing to offer promises that would cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

Mr Miller's main campaign promise is a billion-dollar programme of tax incentives for small businessmen. Mr Peterson and Mr Rae have both put most emphasis on revamping the provincially operated, multi-billion-dollar medical care insurance plan.

Bubbling in the background, is a potentially explosive question which could hurt the Tories badly – the decision of Mr Miller's predecessor, Mr William Davis, before he quit as Premier last autumn to extend full public funding to Ontario's Roman Catholic School system.

Until now, such funding has been available through all but the last two years of high school.

The decision has aroused religious bigotry between Roman Catholic and Protestants and caused confusion in the public and separate school systems, especially because the enabling legislation still has not been passed although the programme is supposed to go into effect this autumn.

It is difficult to gauge the political effect, because all three parties support the Tory policy.

Strikers step up pressure

From Patrick Knight
São Paulo

A wave of strikes is spreading in Brazil and virtually the entire public sector is expected to be halted in São Paulo today by stoppages planned to paralyse transport and utility industries.

Altogether 50 strikes are now in progress in leading cities, including the second longest so far by 120,000 São Paulo car workers. They have been out for three weeks to demand higher wages and a shorter working week. Three of the country's four airlines have been strike-bound for two days.

Most strikes are attempts by workers to again purchasing power lost during the past three years, when wage rises have been held below increases in the cost of living.

On Tuesday President José Sarney raised the minimum wage paid to a large proportion of Brazilians and used as a benchmark for others by 6 per cent.

The new Government has had some slight success in cutting inflation to 7.2 per cent in April, the lowest monthly rate for two years.



Two-year charge: John Stanley Sykora (right), aged 32, of Chicago, leaving a Miami court yesterday chained to another prisoner after being refused bail on a charge of abducting Cheryl Cramer, a teenage schoolgirl and keeping her captive for two years.

More soldiers for front line

Plans to increase the number of British front-line soldiers by reducing the number in support were announced yesterday by the Ministry of Defence in a document published with the statement on the defence estimates.

The Army's front-line strength of about 90,000 will be increased by 4,000, including a new armoured regiment.

Under the title "Lean Look" the Army has studied support functions to see where people could be spared and yesterday's "open government" document gives the results of 22 separate studies, which produced more than a hundred detailed recommendations from "the most comprehensive and searching review of its kind for many years".

Among the results are:

1. Nearly 800 posts to be saved by using private companies for tasks at present carried out by soldiers.

These will include private catering in a further 29 army establishments and using private companies instead of the Royal Corp of Transport to operate cars, vans, buses and lorries.

Civilian contractors will administer army warehouses.

2. Civilians employed by the Ministry of Defence will take over some soldiers' jobs.

3. It is hoped to redesignate up to 300 posts filled by male soldiers so that they can be done by women.

4. About 1,000 posts are to be saved by reducing the "supernumery allowance" under which units carry additional men to fill in for those sick or on leave.

People thus released will man new equipment as it comes into service. Most will be with the British Army of the Rhine, but about 20 per cent will be in the United Kingdom.

Among the equipment they will operate are the tanks of the planned twelfth armoured regiment. This will mean that the number of tank regiments in BAOR has been increased by four since 1979. Other equipment requiring extra manpower is the multi-launch rocket system, and a new close air defence regiment. It is also intended to increase the manning of army helicopter units, which is regarded as "excessively tight".

Exercise Lean Look. Defence Open Government Document 85/03.

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Libyan businessman shot for 'terrorist failures'

A Libyan businessman shot in the head last year while awaiting trial on terrorist bombing charges was probably killed because he failed to carry out fully acts of terrorism, an inquest was told yesterday.

Beside Ali el-Giahour's body was a note in Arabic which said: "This is the punishmnent for the one who is employed to do a job and does not succeed in doing it. Signed Al-Fatih forever and the comitees everywhere."

Al-Fatih means "opening" and is used in Libya to describe the revolution, Westminster Coroner's Court was told.

El-Giahour, a father of six who was born in Tripoli, was found in a flat in Bickenhall Mansions, off Baker Street, west London, last August. He had been dead for several days.

Ali el-Giahour, aged 45, who lived in Randolph Crescent, Maida Vale, was said to be able to arrange anything for anyone legal or illegal. Detective Sergeant Ronald Elbourne, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said that he had leanings towards Gadaffi because that was where his business was. "But he went with the wind". Police inquiries are continuing.

UPI gets funds to pay staff wages

Washington (Reuter) – A US bankruptcy court judge yesterday approved an interim financing agreement which would enable United Press International (UPI) to continue operations and pay salary cheques which bounced last week.

But Judge George Bason refused to consider immediately the issue of ownership and possible sale of the 78-year-old news agency, which filed on Sunday for protection from its creditors under the US bankruptcy code, pending an attempt to right the company through reorganization.

A lawyer for UPI's two principal owners said in court that they had been holding separate talks with the Reuters news organization, and a group of investors led by Mr Pedro Lopez, president of the Miami-based General Federal Savings and Loan institution.

The lawyer, Mr Gary Jacobs, said the owners felt the best thing to do with UPI was to sell it, and the investor group was ready to buy it for $10.8 million (£8.6 million) this week.

Mr Jacobs told the court that the owners, Mr Douglas Ruhe and Mr William Geissler, had already taken full control of Media News, UPI's holding company, along with a third director, Mr Rinaldo Brutoco, an associate of Mr Ruhe.

He said Mr Ruhe and Mr Geissler had dismissed Mr Luis Nogales as head of Media News and would soon ask the court to reconstitute UPI's board and force Mr Nogales from office.

Mr Nogales said later he would fight the dismissal and had no intention of resigning.

Yesterday Judge Bason allowed UPI to get further operating funds from its main lender, Foothill Group of Los Angeles. The new agreement with Foothill will provide as much as $4 million.

Judge Bason also agreed to money being freed to pay employees, who were told not to deposit cheques to a total value of $1.4 million after Foothill stopped its financing last Thursday.

Brussels death blast raises summit fears

From Ian Murray, Brussels

An explosion which killed two firemen in Brussels yesterday has raised fears that international terrorists are preparing a new offensive to coincide with this week's meeting of world leaders in Bonn.

The blast, caused by a bomb in a van parked behind the headquarters of the Belgian Employers' Federation in the heart of the city, ripped through the surrounding office blocks, shattering hundreds of windows and injuring 13 women cleaners inside.

The death of the fireman was in part due to a tragic misunderstanding with the police.

Just after midnight the brigade received a report of a van on fire in the Rue des Sols near the central station. The fire engine arrived to find a policeman trying to clear people from the area.

He had found a leaflet warning of a booby-trapped vehicle and advising no one to go near. But the engine raced down the street to the van, which exploded as they came alongside. One of the crew was killed immediately. Another died in hospital several hours later.

The leaflet was signed by the "CCC" – the Fighting Communist Cells – a shadowy left-wing group which has been carrying out a bombing campaign, principally against Nato installations, since last October. The paper bore the terrorist group's five-pointed star monogram and a photograph of the employers' federation, which was the real target. The bomb was to show solidarity with workers on May Day, it said.

Belgian police have been on the alert for bomb attacks against prestige targets following tip-offs that a new terrorist campaign was being mounted in the capital.

Tass warns US to stop 'poisoning' relations

From Richard Owen
Moscow

As President Reagan arrived in Bonn yesterday Moscow gave the United States a warning to stop "kindling mistrust and poisoning the atmosphere," by using the death of an American officer in East Germany for "political ends".

But the Russians made no mention of the expulsion of a Soviet diplomat from Washington last Friday because of Moscow's "unacceptable" stand over the killing of Major Arthur Nicholson in March.

Diplomats said yesterday's attack by Tass could be in lieu of diplomatic retaliation.

While the emotions felt by Major Nicholson's family over the tragedy were understandable, it was unseemly to use the killing for political ends. If Washington really wants to conduct a serious dialogue . . . and jointly to look for ways of improving Soviet-American relations, then it should act accordingly, "Tass declared.

Pershing sites open to terrorism

From Michael Binyon
Washington

A United States Army report to Congress has given a warning that American Pershing 2 nuclear missiles in West Germany are exstremely vulnerable to terrorist attacks, and urged prompt security measures to protect them, according to *The New York Times*.

The newspaper said that in a letter earlier this month the Army asked Congress for money to start building concrete sheds and camouflage fences, saying that otherwise security at the four Pershing sites would continue to be seriously impaired at a time when demonstrations against the missile were likely to continue.

The concern was prompted by the inquiry into an accident in January at Heilbrown when a missile caught fire as it was being unpacked

The nuclear warheads that arm the Pershing missiles are already stored separately in concrete bunkers, but the mobile launching pads the missiles themselves and their fuel are exposed.



Saying it with flowers: The Princess of Wales accepting a bouquet from a young admirer as she and the Prince arrived at Syracuse in Sicily.

Space zoo snags

Animal waste fouls shuttle

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Scientists on the space shuttle Challenger have carried out successful experiments despite problems with defective lasers, blown fuses, faulty plumbing and crumbling rat food from the zoo on board.

The scientists are carrying out 15 experiments on human and animal weightlessness in space, growing crystals, astronomy and other topics during the week-long mission.

On Tuesday hundreds of animal food and waste particles floated from the cages of the 24 rats and two squirrel monkeys in Challenger's European-developed spacelab.

Rat and monkey faeces also leaked out, forcing Dr William Thornton, a physician, to put on a smock and a mask.

The lack of gravity made it hard to give food and water to the animals. During a feeding session, nutrition bars began to crumble. The crumbs were all over the laboratory. One rat had to be hand-fed a gelatin bar to get water into him. A monkey had to be cajoled into eating more banana pellets.

This is the first time that animals have accompanied a shuttle crew to determine the effects of weightlessness on them. The crew described the nameless monkeys and rats as "real clean and real happy".

The shuttle flew through what one crew member described as "spectacular" rainbows of charged electrons thousands of miles long

Magnificent television pictures of the northern and southern lights were beamed down as they flew near the Poles. "I wish you could be up here," said Dr Don Lind, one of the five scientists in the crew of seven, as he photographed the Aurora Australis.

Despite the many technical snags during the first two days of the mission, Nasa officials hailed it as the most important scientific mission undertaken by the space shuttle. They may even extend it by one day until next Tuesday

Turkish tanker attacked

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

A Turkish tanker was hit by a rocket in the Gulf while returning with a cargo of crude oil from Iran's Kharg Island terminal, the Turkish Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday: It said the incident had taken place outside the war zone declared by Iraq.

The ministry said there were no casualties on board the Burak M and the vessel continued on her way after a small fire had been extinguished by the crew.

This was the second Turkish tanker to come under attack in the Gulf within a year.

Poll dispute threatens Budget

From Michael Binyon
Washington

A bitter dispute has broken out in the US House of Representatives after the Democratic majority voted on Tuesday to seat a Democrat who won a disputed election in Indiana by only four votes.

Three recounts since polling day in November have each given a different result, and the Republicans, who at one stage appeared to have won the seat, have called for a new election. Angry at being overruled, they have threatened to disrupt proceedings in coming weeks, delaying the budget and other measures.

The dispute began on election night itself, when Mr Frank McCloskey, the Democratic candidate, was declared winner of the state's eighth district by 72 votes. But a corrected computer result then gave victory to his Republican opponent, Mr Rick McIntyre, and Indiana declared him the winner.

When Mr McIntyre arrived in Washington to take up his seat in January, however, Democrats in the House of Representatives, which has the constitutional right to decide election results, argued that Indiana's recount procedure had missed 5,000 votes.

Instead they voted to seat neither candidate but to have a recount supervised by two Democrats and a Republican. This last result returned Mr McCloskey, by the narrowest election margin this century.

The Republicans, furious at what they see as the high-handed tactics of the Democratic majority, are using the incident to assert themselves and to take a more confrontational approach to House business. Delaying tactics have already led to the postponement of important bills on funds

Beneath the dispute is Republican frustration at the hold the Democrats have had over the House for more than 30 years and the prospect, for younger Republicans, of spending all their political careers in opposition.

Texan the old man of Everest at 55

Katmandu (Reuter) – Richard Bass, a flamboyant Texan, has become the oldest man to stand on top of Mount Everest at the age of 55 years, four months and nine days.

He took the title of "old man of the mountain" from Chris Bonington. It was his fourth attempt in three years.

Dumping halted

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Greenpeace environmental activists prevented a Belgian ship from dumping chemical waste in the North Sea for the second successive day by chaining themselves to discharge pipes hanging over the vessel's sides.

Riots inquiry

Lagos (AFP) – There will be an official investigation into bloody religious riots last Friday involving the extremist Muslim Maitatsine sect in the town of Gombe, in Nigeria's north-eastern state of Bauchi. At least 150 deaths were reported.

Newman sues

Los Angeles (Reuter) - Paul Newman and the film director, George Roy Hill, filed a $2.6 million (about £2.3 million) lawsuit against Universal Studios, alleging they were underpaid on videocassette sales of two of their films, *The Sting* and *Slapshot*.

Chess bids

Zurich (Reuter) – France, Britain and the Soviet Union have submitted bids to stage a rematch between the defending world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, and the challenger Gary Kasparov, a top chess official said here.

Somalia famine

Nairobi (Reuter)–Somalia has appealed for international relief assistance to stave off famine threatening three million people, Radio Mogadishu reported. Twelve of Somalia's 18 regions have been seriously affected by drought.

Ambush murder

Rome – A policeman died and another was injured in a terrorist ambush 25 miles from here on the road to Aquila. Gunmen opened fire when the police stopped to see why their car had pulled into the emergency lane.

Anger at film

Sydney (Reuter) - Police used batons to quell about 250 Vietnamese who stoned people and smashed windows after the showing of a pro-Hanoi film here to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war.

Driver dies

Lima (AP) – A driver shot during the assassination last week of Peru's national election board president has died of his injuries. Maoist Shining Path guerrillas have been blamed.

Masks for all

Seoul (AP). – South Korea plans to supply gas masks to its people as a preparation against possible chemical attacks from the North. The masks are to be given to the entire population of 40 million.

Chileans exiled

Santiago (Reuter) – Twelve people arrested at socialist concert were sent into exile in remote parts of Chile for contravening a ban on political meetings.

Gibraltar urged to save architecture

From Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent, Gibraltar

The second and final stage of the Gibraltar Heritage Conference ended here with calls to consolidate the Rock's eighteenth and nineteenth century architectural inheritance by finding new uses for important buildings, rejecting large and insensitive development proposals and opening up what one delegate called the colony's "Alice in Wonderland" planning processes to public debate.

There are fears that pressure to cater for mass tourism since the reopening of the border with Spain could destroy the uniqueness of Gibraltar.

The conservation lobby, which is branded as "extremist" by Gibraltar government ministers, objects to the system by which the public is excluded from the planning process for new buildings. Permission is granted for schemes which are never published or debated, applicants cannot speak in support of their plans, objections cannot be raised and no reasons are given for rejection.

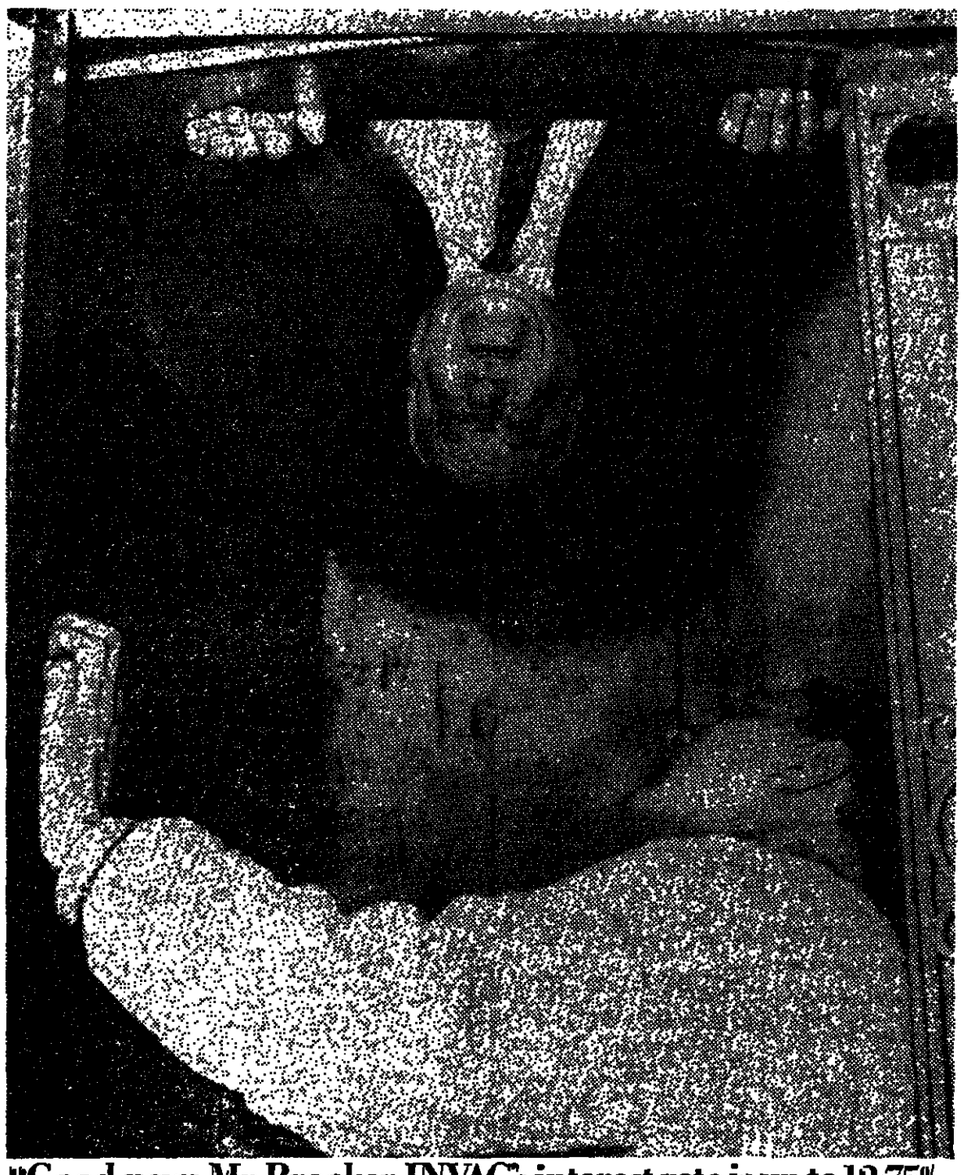
Opening the first part of the conference in London last February, the Duke of Gloucester said that large scale change did not mean great thinking. "There is a risk of creating a place people don't want to go to. Gibraltar, given the chance, can make its choice only once," he said.

That once-only opportunity has been uppermost in the minds of the 45 delegates who spent three days here visiting historic sights.

Mr Lionel Culatto, chairman of the Gibraltar Conservation Society, said that tourists and off-shore financial services should be accommodated by converting existing buildings, such as the barrack blocks, into offices.

Mr George Allen, of Save Britain's Heritage told the conference that planning decisions should not be made without debate. He said: "There is a need to open up the process to the public and reform rent control systems which are such a disincentive to care and repair. Both of them have an "Alice in Wonderland" quality about them."

Gibraltar had one of the most spectacular opportunities for conservation-led development in Europe, he added. "Conservation is a potentially dynamic economic force. The Rock may need to attract money from outside, but what it really needs it can have for free – a change in attitude."



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Lebanese Muslims offer to spare Christian town in return for truce

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The fighting that has driven at least 60,000 Christians from their homes east of Sidon drew to a temporary halt yesterday as Druze and Shia Muslim leaders in Lebanon offered to spare the Christian town of Jezzine, itself crowded with refugees, in return for a ceasefire agreement that would place Lebanese Government troops between the two sides.

But with the "South Lebanon Army" militia, trained and armed by Israel, still inside Jezzine and the Christian Phalangists still calling for revenge, the chances of an immediate and lasting truce still seemed remote. The Lebanese Red Cross have brought 65 bodies out of the Kharroub region, north and east of Sidon, in the past three days, most of them Christians and some of them apparently mutilated after their death. A Muslim and Druze offer to the Christians to return to their looted homes is thus unlikely to be accepted.

The terms of the truce suggested by Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, and Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim militia leader who is also Minister of Justice in the Lebanese Government, are as follows:

1 The withdrawal from Jezzine of Israel's proxy Lebanese "South Lebanon Army" militia and the deployment around the town of the Lebanese Army's First Brigade, which was trained under Syrian auspices.

2 The deployment of the Lebanese Army's Twelfth Brigade, mainly composed of Muslims, along the coastal road north of Sidon that was captured by the Druze at the weekend.

3 The return of all Christians and Muslims to the homes and property from which they fled "with solid guarantees that their safety is not threatened".

4 A real ceasefire in Beirut, where a four-party security committee would oversee the dismantling of militia fortifications.

The Phalangists asked for time to consider these proposals while the Lebanese Army commander, General Michel Aoun, whose men made not the slightest effort to prevent the killing and looting at the weekend, apparently gave it a favourable response. Just why the Christians should put their faith in the Lebanese Army yet again when it proved both impotent and unwilling to defend them a week ago, however, has not been explained.

Nevertheless, there are few if any alternatives open to the Christians, unless they wish to go on flocking south from Jezzine to the Israeli buffer zone, a movement which might assist Israel in securing a "friendly" enclave along its frontier with Lebanon, but which would exile the refugees forever from their former homes.

Certainly, Mr Jumblatt has renewed contacts with the Christian leadership in Jezzine in an attempt to halt the exodus from there to southern Lebanon. Equally certain is the impossibility for the Christian refugees of returning at once to the area of Sidon, not least because many of their homes have been burnt as well as looted.

Mr Jumblatt has several times offered to compensate them for their losses, but he has not revealed where the money to do this would come from.

The Druze militia did escort about 130 Christians from the area north of Sidon through to Beirut, protecting them from gunmen around Jiye. In Beirut itself, the overnight mortar and artillery battles between Christian and Druze militias was less intense than on previous nights

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How Israel sparked Christian exodus

The sectarian fighting east of Sidon over the past month has pushed the Christian community south of Beirut away from the Mediterranean, cutting their last tenuous links with the Christians north of the capital.

The Christian exodus towards Jezzine – and from there to towns in Israel's new buffer zone it may ultimately bring about a fundamental change in Lebanon's 1943 national covenant under which Christians always hold the presidency of the nation.

After a fierce artillery bombardment of Muslim and Palestinian areas of Sidon by Christian Phalangist militiamen east of the city, the Israeli Army withdrew from Jezzine, leaving the Phalange isolated. They immediately withdrew up a narrow corridor of Christian-held coastline to Jiye where a ferry-boat took them to the capital.

The Palestinians and Muslims in Sidon took their revenge looting and burning Christian homes all the way up to Kfar Falous. Mainly Druze forces to the north captured the Christian coastal corridor and turned east to fight along the northern banks of the Awali river.

At least 60,000 Christians then fled eastwards to Jezzine, itself almost surrounded by Muslim and Druze militias. (Robert Fisk writes). Israel's proxy Christian "South Lebanon Army" have some artillery in Jezzine but could never withstand a long siege.

At least 60,000 Christian refugees have gone south from Jezzine to Israel's buffer zone.

Shultz hint of $1.5bn aid package for Israel

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US secretary of State, hinted strongly yesterday that the Reagan Administration was ready to support a two-year, $1.5 billion (£1.2 billion) emergency aid programme to Israel.

The Administration has been under intense congressional pressure to approve the aid. Until recently Mr Shultz has been urging Congress to postpone voting for the programme until Israel made extensive economic reforms.

It appears that he changed his position after receiving a letter from Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, dated April 22, describing a nine-point economic programme being pursued by Israel

Mr Shultz said: "I hope we will be able to feel very soon that a positive response is called for.

He is believed also to have decided to ask $500 million over two years in special aid to Egypt, plus $8 million to improve the "quality of life" for Palistinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Feuding in coalition

Malaysia's election timetable upset

From Stephen Taylor, Kuala Lumpur

The prospect of a general election in Malaysia this year, which seemed high during Mrs Margaret Thatcher's recent visit, has receded with the re-emergence of an acrimonious feud within one of the coalition Government's main components.

Political analysts are now saying that a poll is unlikely before this time next year and as the split in the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) has already defied the best efforts of the Mahathir Administration to paper over it, there can be no guarantee that even then the issue will have been resolved.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad, the Prime Minister, had good reasons for wanting an election as early as August, although his mandate has until April 1987 to run. The gloss has been taken off the 1982 landslide victory of the eight-party National Front by the MCA dispute, by a corruption scandal involving a public sector bank and by the prospect of a significant economic slowdown.

Some of the heat has gone out of the Bumiputra Malaysia Finance (BMF) scandal since January when the board of inquiry made specific charges of corruption against a number of senior officials including the chairman, but financial observers believe the affair is far from over and that further disclosures may yet rebound on the Government.

Another factor in favour of an early poll is the probability that after years of progressive economic growth a rare dose of unpleasant medicine will be dispensed in the October budget.

The year-old MCA rift worries Dr Mahathir because the party is his link to the Chinese who control trade and commerce. It holds 24 of the coalition's 132 places in a 154-seat Parliament.

A cobbled-up agreement in the MCA in January looked as though it might hold long enough for Dr Mahathir to get a new endorsement. In the event, though, it has broken down and this time a cosmetic solution looks out of the question.

Datuk Neo Yee Pan, the acting President, has been accused of padding party lists with phantom members to counter attempts to unseat him. His rival and foe is Mr Tan Koon Swan, a tough self-made millionaire, who seems to have the suppport of a majority of MCA members.

Mr Tan is seeking a showdown at an extraordinary general meeting on May 12 at which he hopes to oust Dr Neo. But litigation is on the cards and that would further protract the struggle.

The Chinese community, whose interests have been poorly represented during the crisis, would also be relieved to see it come to a head. A number of recent administrative decisions which smack of anti-Chinese sentiment have left the minority feeling resentful and vulnerable.

Proposals have been made to dig up a centuries-old Chinese burial ground in Malacca for redevelopment and to site a nuclear waste dump near a Chinese village. Though both projects are being reconsidered, racial sensitivities, never far from the surface in Malaysian affairs, have been aggravated.



Dr Mahathir Mohammad: Chinese link endangered.

Salvador troops kill 50 guerrillas in battle

San Salvador (Reuter) – The El Salvador army beat back a guerrilla offensive and killed 50 rebels during a four-hour battle in a northern town, a military official said.

Colonel Sigifredo Ochoa said on Tuesday night that about 400 leftist rebels trying to take over villages and towns were beaten back in San Ignacio 45 miles north of the capital.

An armed forces spokesman said the army suffered 23 casualties, including 10 dead, but Colonel Ochoa said only 10 soldiers were killed or wounded. He said a rebel captured last week warned the army of the offensive.

Rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front have been fighting the US-backed Government for five years.

● President Duarte's foreign affairs adviser is touring Western Europe in an attempt to persuade European Socialist parties to use their influence with the political wing of the Salvadorean rebel movement and induce them to abandon their association with the guerrillas (Colin Harding writes).

The European members of the Socialist International have given strong support to the Revolutionary Democratic Front and its leader, Señor Guillermo Ungo, a Social Democrat, who lives in exile in Mexico.

The Salvadorean Government, which is confident now of defeating the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front guerrillas, is anxious to prevail upon Señor Ungo to return to political life in El Salvador.

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Some genuine warmth for Gorbachov as Moscow celebrates in the rain

May Day passes like clockwork

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov braved a downpour yesterday to review his first May Day parade in Red Square as leader. The event was dominated by slogans attacking Nato missiles and American space weapons, but there was no mention of Soviet missiles or Russia's own space weapons programme. "Keep arms out of space", said one slogan; "The arms race unleashed by the United States and its Nato allies is a threat to peace in Europe", ran another.

Thousands of specially assembled Muscovites, already soaked from waiting in side streets off Red Square, marched on command bearing the giant slogans and clutching coloured balloons. Some of the applause when Mr Gorbachov appeared on the Lenin Mausoleum seemed genuine and spontaneous, unlike the mechanical cheering of previous years. The downpour eased slightly.

Mr Gorbachov, wearing his homburg, beamed and waved, apparently oblivious to the rain. His elegant wife, Raisa Maksimovna, who continues to keep a high profile compared with earlier Soviet first ladies, stood by the Kremlin wall dressed in black with grey suede boots. A more unexpected observer was Mr Ronald Reagan Junior, son of the US President by his first wife, the actress Jane Wyman. Ron Jr, who is a dancer-turned-writer, is on his first trip to Russia. He said he was impressed by the parade.

The marchers carried enlarged photographers of Mr Gorbachov, although rather fewer than they had of Chernenko last year, in keeping with the new leader's modest style. For the first time in four years, foreign observers were not closely examining the Soviet leader for signs of ill health. Roads to the Kremlin were lined with portraits of the new Politburo, including the three Gorbachov men appointed last week, Mr Chebrikov, Mr Ryzhkov and Mr Ligachov, whose giant likenesses must have been painted unusually swiftly.

Next Thursday sees a more grandiose military parade on Red Square to mark the fortieth anniversary of VE Day, and the victory of the Red Army over Hitler was a main theme of yesterday's civilian parade. Tass, the news agency, said President Reagan's present trip to western Europe was intended to tie America's allies to Washington's aggressive and militaristic policies and persuade the west Europeans not to accept Soviet proposals.

Because of May Day and the build up to VE Day, Russia is celebrating an almost uninterrupted week-long public holiday. There are rumours, however, that once the holiday is over the Kremlin will announce details of the restrictions on vodka sales discussed by the Politburo just after Mr Gorbachov had taken over.

● PEKING (Reuter) – The emphasis was on entertainment in the Chinese capital as people flocked to fairs and watched displays of traditional acrobatics and lion dancing.

In East Berlin, a senior East German Communist official accused the United States of "forging a cosmic sword that could turn heaven and earth into a burning hell".

In Greece, workers marked May Day with strikes that closed shops, government offices and factories and halted newspaper distribution. Domestic flights and public transport stopped for three hours.

The official Libyan news agency quoted Colonel Gadaffi as calling on workers of the world to take over factories and abolish wages.



Spirits undampened in yesterday's on-cue march-past through Red Square, Moscow.

Austerity is message for Singapore

From Stephen Taylor
Singapore

In a traditional May Day message Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, told his worried countrymen that the city state was not in danger of imminent economic collapse.

But in an atmosphere of despondency caused by a sudden slowdown in growth, Mr Lee's message was one of austerity. Although Singaporeans would not revert to low wages, he said, they would have to get used to the idea of doing menial jobs now assigned to Singapore's equivalent of guest workers, about 150,000 contract labourers from such states as Thailand or South Korea.

Numerous bankruptcies and the decline of the old growth sectors have signalled the end of an era in which 10 per cent growth annually was not uncommon, but Mr Lee maintained that Singapore could still record between 5 and 7 per cent this year.

The improvement in living standards over the past 20 years has been remarkable, but there is a strong sense among many Singaporeans that the best is over.

The slump is visible in the modern tourist shopping precincts of Orchard Road, where many retailers say sales are not even covering rents.

White extremists warn Pretoria to curb unrest

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The leader of an organization of extreme right-wing whites declared at a rally in Pretoria on Tuesday night that if the police were unable to maintain law and order in the present unrest his followers would do the job for them.

Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, the leader of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), also called for the restoration of the nineteenth century Boer republics of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

Later about half the 2,000 cheering and stamping supporters who had packed the City Hall for the rally joined Mr TerreBlanche in "a march of gratitude" to police headquarters, where he handed over a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Police.

It said: "The AWB is at all times at your disposal for the maintenance of law and order and the protection of our people". Mr TerreBlanche said the march would show people such as Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, that the AWB meant business.

Yesterday police re-arrested black trade unionists in central Johannesburg as they danced and sang outside the magistrates' court after being released on bail. They had been arrested the previous day for froming an illegal gathering.

The police also rounded up 14 other blacks who paraded with anti-American posters outside the US American Consulate.

At the rally, Mr TerreBlanche urged the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, not to put any restrictions on the police in combating unrest. "If you cannot protect us and cannot keep order, the AWB will maintain the order," he said.

Flags of the old Boer republics, which were conquered in the Anglo-Boer war of 1899-1902 and absorbed into a unified South African state under the British Crown, were unfurled and carried on the march.

Pamphlets distributed at the rally depicted a map of a white *Volksstaat*, or people's state, consisting of the Orange Free State, the Transvaal and parts of northern Natal. The Northern Cape would also be welcome to join, Mr TerreBlanche said.

The AWB, which affects Nazi-style ritual and insignia, is the most fanatical of the extra-parliamentary right-wing groups dedicated to resisting any relaxation of apartheid.

Meanwhile, more than 50 army and police vehicles carrying heavily armed riot police and soldiers staged a "show of force" to discourage unrest in the troubled black townships in the Eastern Cape.

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US trade embargo

Nicaragua economy faces crippling blow

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

The US trade embargo announced on Tuesday will have a crippling effect on the struggling Nicaraguan economy, despite a steady reduction of dependence on American markets since the revolution of 1979.

Falling production as a result of the Contra guerrilla war and lack of private investment have gradually eroded Nicaragua's exports to $390 million (about £315 million) last year, of hich $58 million went to the US.

More than $22 million of this was in bananas, for which an alternative market may be impossible to find, analysts say. Meat (representing $10 million) and sugar ($2.5 million) are other main exports to the US, though the smaller shellfish and tobacco industries are likely to be most profoundly affected.

Only 6,000 tons of sugar have gone annually to the US since Nicaragua's quota was slashed from 58,000 tons in 1983, but the loss will be considerable because the preferential American price is vastly higher than those of the depressed world markets.

Nicaragua imported $112 million worth of goods from the US last year, about 14 per cent of its total imports. Reliance on US sales has halved since 1979, but there remains an enormous residual demand for spare parts for plant and machinery bought during the Somoza dictatorship.

Nicaragua's oil is provided by the Soviet Union and Mexico, but its only refinery relies on American parts. It is not the blow to any one sector, but the cumulative effect of the embargo on the quality of life which is most worrying. The acute lack of foreign exchange is already causing deep anomalies in the economy.

Many goods are available only on the black market, which is fuelling rampant inflation: the national currency, the cordova, changes hands at 20 times the official dollar exchange rate.

Meanwhile President Daniel Ortega continues his tour of eastern European countries in search of help. He has asked the Soviet Union for $200 million worth of assistance.

The prospect of an end to trade with the United States makes the success of his appeal crucial to Nicaragua's economic survival.

Ortega embarrasses his hosts in Yugoslavia

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Ignoring the desire of his Yugoslav hosts not to annoy Washington by a visit which is already an irritant, President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua used the opportunity of a state dinner to launch a vicious attack against President Reagan, accusing him of responsibility for the deaths of 8,000 Nicaraguans and of using the "most incredible means to justify his intervention".

President Ortega arrived here from Moscow on a tour of Communist capitals intended to gather political support.

Señor Ortega said that he was counting on co-operation and "paternal solidarity" in Nicaragua's troubles, which implied that the Sandinistas in their talks with their Yugoslav hosts expected economic aid.

Yugoslavia, however, is heavily burdened by an enormous debt and needing Washington's goodwill to get out of its economic straits, can hardly afford to grant that. The Yugoslavs, while evidently unable to refuse the visit, have gone out of their way to play it down, and to present it in the light of normal activities of the non-aligned countries.

President Djuranovic spoke in generalties, emphasizing Yugoslavia's support for the legitimate rights of the Nicaraguans to independence, sovereignty, and to the régime of their choice.

But after the state dinner the Yugoslavs were not concealing their annoyance at President Ortega, whose comments were seen as one of the hardest attacks ever made by a visiting dignitary against a third party.

Furthermore, to the annoyance of his hosts the Nicaraguan President is to summon a press conference tomorrow morning before leaving Belgrade on the next stage of his tour.

Murdoch joins China in £32m hotel venture

Sydney (Reuter) – Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has announced that it will build an international hotel and media centre in Peking in a joint venture with the Chinese Government.

A director of News Corporation, Mr Kenneth Cowley, said that the $40 million (£32 million) venture would provide modern equipment for the international print and electronic news media.

The building will be on the same site as a new television centre for China Central Television and will have 300 single hotel rooms for tourists and the media and 100 apartments for residences or offices.

Mr Cowley said China would provide the land, construction facilities and part of the construction cost, while News Corporation would provide the rest of the equity as its investment in the venture, which is due for completion in 1987.

Reporters and lawyers in court walk-out

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

Lawyers and reporters walked out of the chambers of the Chief Justice of Sind High Court in Karachi when the reporters were told they would have to confine coverage of a judicial commission's inquiry into a road accident which led to communal riots to court hand-outs.

Mr Justice Abdul Haye Kureishi, the Chief Justice, at the request of Mr Saeed A. Sheikh, the Sind Advocate-General, ruled on Tuesday that in the interests of maintaining communal harmony in Karachi, parts of which are still under partial curfew, independent reporting should be disallowed.

The journalists were reported to have told the Chief Justice that this implied putting a gag on the press. The reporters and lawyers added that they had no confidence in the commission's work.

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THE ARTS

Television

Haunting horrors

In April 1945, 98 British medical students were diverted from Holland to Germany. They were billeted in the mess of a Panzer regiment. In the lavatory there was a glass plate for drunken officers to put their foreheads against when being sick. Three miles down the road was Belsen.

The students – now distinguished doctors – were forced to remember that road in **Open Space – Belsen May 1945** (BBC2). They were still hushed and haunted by their experiences. "It was like going to Hell and back", said one. It was a subject, said another, "that hurts not only the people who listen, but also the people who speak of it".

Beyond the wire was the colourless, drab misery of 40,000 men and women. "It was very hard to imagine them as people." Totally apathetic about their liberation, they lay in their own ordure or in bunks beside the dead. The students first had to clear the dead and then treat the living. Typhus had spread in the water – which came from a static tank in which corpses were found – and in the wind which whipped up dust four inches thick and filled the eyes and throat with "Belsen filth". "When the wind stopped you could hear a gentle moan inside." Everyone wanted to feed the starving – round whose thighs could be put a finger and thumb. "Often with the best of intentions, people were made worse by being fed the wrong things."

Finally the students had to compile a history. The only records the Germans had left were the tattoos on each prisoner's wrist. The record we watched proved, when there is something important to say and to remember, how simply it can be done. It was all that more powerful last night because the experience of man's inhumanity was localized to a small, identifiable group.

There was an attempt to investigate hauntings of a more traditional kind on **Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers** (ITV). The subject of ghosts is universally interesting – one in 10 of us claims to have encountered them – but Clarke, who for some strange reason wore binoculars, allowed his own disbelief to prevail.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Theatre

The best-loved villain of them all

Richard III

Barbican

The acting history of this play has been swung off course by the practice of presenting it in the context of the English history cycle, thus reducing Richard III from his former malign eminence to a mere scourge of God who comes in to wind up the Wars of the Roses. One attempt to reinstate him was made by John Wood in the 1980 National Theatre version. But it has been left to Antony Sher, and his director Bill Alexander, to re-establish him conclusively as the best-loved villain in the English repertory.

First seen reclining on his crutches like a shooting-stick, in front of one of the ornately carved walls of William Dudley's cathedral-like set, Mr Sher takes some time to win over the house. His vocal and physical elements seem to promise two separate performances. The image he presents takes Richard right back to Margaret's bestial catalogue: wizened, graced with a gigantic hump (revealed naked in the coronation scene), and twisted almost double between the crutches that function as extra limbs, he is by turns the bottled spider, the hunch-backed toad and every other unsavoury item on the list. When he moves, with fearful maimed agility, it is like the leap of a tarantula.

Left to himself, however, he has not found a voice for the role; and the soliloquies, far from taking the audience wittily into his confidence, come over with a resonant anonymity verging on the monotonous.

Wit is not really his line even in dealing with other characters. "Did you not kill this king?", Anne asks him. And instead of the crackling effrontery you expect from the reply, "I grant ye", Mr Sher plays it as a shamefaced admission.

This, however, is thoroughly in line with a long-term view of the character that gains in power and coherence throughout the evening. Richard is often described as a psychopath, and Mr Sher has taken this to the literal extreme of playing him as a moral idiot, incapable of imagining the effect of his actions on others.

Applying to the bereaved Queen Elizabeth for the hand of her daughter, he is simply too stupid to understand the effect of his past atrocities. Penelope Beaumont, a spirited Queen with an impressive range of authoritarian tactics, uses this opportunity to subdue him with homicidally contemptuous teasing.

Again, when Richard is cold-shouldered by the London crowds, Sher complains to Buckingham in the tone of a disappointed little boy. The two sides of the character finally converge, with an impact I have never seen surpassed, in the *doppelgänger* soliloquy on the eve of Bosworth, after the candle-bearing ghosts have trooped out of Mr Dudley's royal tombs.

Such an actor needs opposition and conflict, and Mr Alexander supplies it in Patricia Routledge's Margaret (a real graduate in grief), in Peter Postlethwaite's Hastings and above all in Malcolm Storry's Buckingham: a master of deception rivalling his master, cool and diplomatic amid Richard's rages, and making good all his boasts in a performance of the election scene that has him howling abuse at point-blank range at the man he has decided to put on the throne.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



The death of Richard: Antony Sher

King of a Rainy Country

Jeannetta Cochrane

Rapture and depression being the great themes of adolescence, their supreme poet achieves his most poignant effects when we are young; but, unlike Rimbaud or Dylan Thomas, Baudelaire continues to disturb us in later life. In French, that is – not the least salutary lesson of this evening's entertainment is that *La Chevelure* in English sounds like a shopping-list.

Richard Edmonds's episodic, overlong two-hander spares no blushes in presenting scenes from the intimate life of a genius. Here are the damnable expense of syphilis, the disloyalty of empty absinthe bottles, "the smell of a rotting generation". Mr Edmonds's play wallows in the more repellent aspects of a self-consciously disgusting life without succeeding in engaging our sympathy. But perhaps that was not his intention; after all, when wilful self-damnation loses its fierce independence, it ceases to be heroic.

The besetting trouble with bohemianism is that it has no impact once divorced from the yardstick of bourgeois values. Most of this piece affords no useful contrast in this direction. It may be instructive to remember that Baudelaire's friends called him a dandy because he washed regularly.

Peter Sykes's poet is flamboyant, suave, convincingly epicine, capable of petulance but altogether too confident for the tortured self-doubt the character demands. Beth Ashton as his Dark Lady Jeanne Duval makes a splendidly roguish doxy, and copes gallantly with the *Reader's Digest*-type line "And yet Baudelaire wrote some of the most beautiful love poetry the world has ever seen". (So now we know.) The violent passages in Jan P. Sandor's production work best, but ultimately the portrait of disintegration fails precisely because it gives us the old hokum about genius as something extraneous, like a disease. The design by Hilary Baxter and Jenny Edwards is *riche*, not *impuissant*.

Martin Cropper

Dance

Space at last

Sleeping Beauty

Covent Garden

Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet opened its season at the Royal Opera House on Tuesday with a gala performance to mark the first London showing of Peter Wright's production of *The Sleeping Beauty*. Given in aid of the Sadler's Wells and Royal Opera House development appeals, the choice of ballet could hardly have been more appropriate.

It was at Sadler's Wells that Ninette de Valois's company first mounted the complete *Sleeping Beauty* in 1939 with a dark, gravely beautiful teenager called Margot Fonteyn as Aurora. And in 1946 the company reopened the Royal Opera House with the same ballet and the same ballerina, whose interpretation set the standard for every western dancer to follow her in the role.

But such are the limitations of Sadler's Wells that Wright's production and Philip Prowse's sumptuous decors simply will not fit on to the stage, and so the company is prevented from showing its full classical repertory at its home base.

While no one can deny the Royal Opera House is in need of funds for development, the plight of Sadler's Wells seems even more desperate. As London's principal home for touring dance and opera it has done marvellous pioneer work, and continues to do so. However, more and more companies are finding the facilities inadequate for their needs and so London has to go without seeing them.

Although much more is needed much has already been done in the way of fund-raising, not least by the dancers of the Sadler's Wells company who, fresh from a lengthy overseas tour, danced on Tuesday with as much enthusiasm as if they had been preparing all season.

Marion Tait was a bright, confident Aurora, with Roland Price dancing strongly as her prince. The company's two senior ballerinas, Margaret Barbieri and Galina Samsova, appeared as the Lilac Fairy and the Fairy Carabosse, and the award for the best pure classical dancing of the evening must go to Sandra Madgwick as Princess Florine.

Judith Cruickshank

Concerts

Infectious response

LSO/Davis

Barbican

Back in those simple, far-off days when Sir Colin Davis was just plain Colin Davis, and Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich was just plain Stephen Bishop, and I went to concerts just for fun, the Davis/Bishop partnership produced some marvellously fresh collaborations.

Among those which survive on record are Mozart's K467 and K503 concerti, and some Beethoven concerti including No 1 with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. It was good to find on Tuesday that the passage of time had not dulled the pair's infectious immediacy of response to Beethoven's First: the matching and the quicksilver give-and-take between soloist and orchestra may be less secure, marginally less telepathic than before, but the result is if anything more exciting.

The main reason for this is surely that Bishop-Kovacevich never plays safe: he still projects every note with absolute belief in its worth; nothing is thrown away, every quirk in the writing is explored, and the one thing missing is a sense of relaxation which would complement his at times frighteningly tense playing.

That relaxation Davis's swaying, easy beat provides in ample measure, though he knows exactly where to wind up the tension, so that the final sforzando of the first movement ritornello or the final outburst of the finale rondo theme both suddenly jump up like a jack-in-the-box to provide the required climax.

The pianist took too sunny a view, I thought, of the finale's second theme, which I hear with a more menacing lilt, but the warmth and firmness of the central Largo were ideal, and the furiously mature Beethoven cadenza for the first movement was driven forward with inexorable force. How about the other four concerti soon?

The second half of the programme was an old Colin Davis favourite, the Berlioz *Symphonic fantastique:* in the early days of Barbican planning, I recall a lack-lustre performance in this hall at 6.30pm on a Monday alongside Tippett's Fourth Symphony. This one was altogether more enjoyable (and more enjoyed by a large audience) and demonstrated a quite magnificent grip on what is, after all, a somewhat diffuse structure.

Beethoven is always credited with inspiring the work, but it would be fascinating to know more about the meagre tradition of French symphonic writing which must lie more directly behind its programmatic form and content. Davis was content to convince us that it is both an elegant (in the ball, done with a nice touch of portamento by the violins) and a thrilling (in the hard-hitting brass fanfares) orchestral display piece.

The players, for once, at least metaphorically, on the edges of their seats, were always extremely responsive to Davis's encouragements: it will be good news for us all if the LSO's fortunes continue to improve.

Nicholas Kenyon

The music speaks

RPO/Rowicki

Festival Hall/Radio 3

Annie Fischer's playing remains a perfect delight. Well, perhaps perfect is the wrong work if one is to be pedantic, since she nowadays tends to pepper her performances with rather more than their fair share of wrong notes. But who cares about them when they grace a reading of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto of such stylish freshness? One senses that she knows the way the music works so well that it seems virtually to interpret itself, that her personal stamp is her ability not to stamp her personality on the music but instead to let it speak directly.

Fischer's partners on this occasion, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under another Eastern bloc veteran, the abundantly lively Witold Rowicki, articulated the orchestral contributions with just the right degree of brittleness in the outer movements, and, although there was a certain amount of untidiness in the string playing, the slow movement moved with delicious fluency while the balance between soloist and orchestra was always finely judged.

The subtle colours here contrasted abruptly with the sheer brilliance of Stravinsky's *Petrushka*, played in the revision the composer made in 1947. Happily the RPO's responses remained razor-sharp, the vividness of their playing conjuring tantalizing visual images that would hover in one's mind from time to time. It is patently unfair to single out for particular praise individual contributions in a score that relies so heavily on them. Suffice it to say that on this evidence the RPO's star is most definitely in the ascendant.

Stephen Pettitt

Cinema: **Joan Goodman** meets Gregory Hines, dancing star of *The Cotton Club*, which opens in London tomorrow, and **David Robinson** (right) reports on a scoop at the Vienna Festival

Brothers in step

Gregory Hines has been dancing for 35 of his 38 years. When he was two and a half and his brother Maurice nearly five, Henry Le Tang, the tap teacher and choreographer, took them each by the hand "and gave us our feet". The little boys were soon treading the boards at Harlem's Apollo Theatre in New York. Billed as the Hines Kids, then later the Hines Brothers and still later, when their father joined them, as Hines, Hines and Dad, they danced their way across the US, spending a fair amount of time as an opening act to Las Vegas headliners.

It was a showbusiness family. Their mother, Alma, managed them and their grandmother had been one of the original Cotton Club showgirls. The elite of black entertainers performed at the Cotton Club in Harlem for a "whites only" audience in the Twenties and Thirties. There was a "hands off" policy imposed on the chorus girls who were advertised as "tall, tan and terrific". It is a nice symmetry that Gregory Hines should emerge so prominently in Francis Coppola's film *The Cotton Club*, which opens at the Odeon Leicester Square tomorrow.

Gregory Hines plays Sandman Williams, who with his brother is part of a dance team working at the Cotton Club. Sandman meets and falls in love with a beautiful café au lait singer, more fly, more experienced, than he. Then he falls out with his brother and goes through a series of complex emotional changes that make Gregory Hines grin with delight at what he feels is his breakthrough role.

"I enjoyed it because I felt like my character. He was really game. He didn't know what was going to happen. He was just trying everything. He was trying to make things happen. He was insecure but he had bravado", says Hines, a slim, supple man with a dancer's grace and a stand-up comic's cheek. "This was the first opportunity I had to play a fully rounded character. A man who felt a lot of things – got angry, got passionate, danced, sang, got sexual."

It went a great deal beyond his earlier screen roles. He was good but one-dimensional as the jive-talking morgue technician in *Wolfen* with Albert Finney. He mugged his way through Mel Brooks's *History of the World – Part 1. Cotton Club* is rather different.

"Francis had a group of us up to his house in Napa Valley where we all were asked to contribute ideas. There was a lot of input from the actors. I really pushed it with Francis. I've seen a lot of movies in my day and I've never seen a black man who was round. If he was a headliner and it came time for him to be scared, the guy wasn't scared. When it came time to relate to a woman, he always seemed to have more experience than she. This wouldn't work with Sandman. This woman is way ahead of him, and I just kept pushing for that. I wanted Sandman to be not so cool."



Gregory Hines (right) in action with his brother Maurice in *The Cotton Club*

Coppola provided opportunities for Hines in other areas as well. Best known for his Broadway musical roles in *Sophisticated Ladies* and *Eubie*, Hines told Coppola early on: "I'd like to do a tap dance without any music, just *a capella*. I feel if I could do that, I could do something special. So he said okay. Five months later, two days before we're going to shoot the scene, I got real nervous. I went to Francis and said 'You know, maybe you'll just give me a little bass. Just a little tempo, then, after I do it for a little while, the piano player will come in.' And he said to me 'No, you told me if I gave you this opportunity you could do something special, now do it.' I was ready to bail out but he made me do it and I just so appreciate that."

Anyone who sees *The Cotton Club* will understand why. The *a capella* dance sequence that Hines performs is one of the highlights of the picture. So are the dance sequences performed with brother Maurice. Their real-life act had broken up in 1971 with Gregory wanting to do rock and roll and Maurice more interested in the theatre and ballet. There was some acrimony and then a very emotional reunion when they were both hired for *Eubie*.

Maurice Hines explains: "The reuniting of us as brothers in the film is exactly what happened when we opened in *Eubie* in Philadelphia. Our scenes were improvisational because Francis felt that he couldn't write them as real as we could play them. The scene where we broke up, Francis said 'just do it'. About the third take we really started crying and I said I can't do it too many more times. I was saying all these mean things to Gregory and I couldn't take it. The reuniting scenes were as bad. We started crying and my mother who was on the set that day began shouting out loud."

Gregory Hines was not originally chosen for the role of Sandman Williams. It was meant for Richard Pryor. But it was a troubled project from the start and when Pryor, on advice, dropped out, Hines was in. He and Coppola got along immediately. "I fell in love with the guy", remembers Hines. Even during the public money squabbles between director and producers, he never lost faith that Coppola was on to something wonderful.

Hines felt no insecurity with Coppola's way of working. "It was a very open way of working. Things came together right before your eyes and I liked that. I feel as an actor it would be wrong for me to close up because someone has an unorthodox way of working. The whole idea of acting is to open up and try to be more vulnerable. That's something I struggle with in my own life as a man."

Empire in decay

Vienna's annual film festival, the Viennale, has recently taken up permanent residence in the Urania, built just before the First World War, on the Danube end of the Stubenring, as a centre for popular education and culture. The Urania has its place in the history of the Austrian cinema, as sponsor of the first "Kulturfilms" in the early Twenties. Today, newly equipped, it offers the Viennale a handsome and technically excellent auditorium.

Falling in the calendar between Berlin and Cannes, and offering no prizes, the Viennale largely has to be content with reprises from earlier festivals: a number of the star items, like the Taviani Brothers' *Kaos*, Gregory Nava's *El Norte*, Meszaros's *Diary* and Yosselliani's *Les Favoris de la lune* all had their commerical release in other European capitals.

The festival nevertheless managed a major première for its opening, with Istvan Szabo's **Colonel Redl**. The showing was achieved on a technicality. The film is entered for competition in Cannes, and is consequently barred from other festival showings before that time. However, since the film is an Austrian co-production (with Hungary and West Germany), regular commercial release in Austria is not prohibited. The Austrian distributor therefore helpfully timed his première to take place in the Urania on the opening night of the festival.

As it turned out, Vienna proved not to be the most appreciative audience for the film. The Viennese are all too familiar with the historical incident on which the film is based – the suicide of a high-ranking Austrian officer suspected of spying, on the eve of the First World War – and tended to be too much and too pedantically distracted by the liberties taken with history to appreciate Szabo's effort of interpretation. In fact, history to one side, the outstanding quality of the film lies in its picture of the glittering surfaces and underlying decay of the old Empire, and the characterization of Redl as a gifted man who has defied the class structures, and is punished for his temerity by being made a scapegoat. Without benefit of so seductive an historic setting as the director's *Mephisto*, this is a deeper and richer film.

The sense of Viennese history and tradition are currently more than usually pervading, thanks to the magnificent exhibition in the Kunstlerhaus, *Dream and Reality: Vienna 1870-1930*. The final "chapter" of the exhibition is devoted to the cinema (and incidentally recalls that there was a locally-made *Oberst Redl* in 1925). The exhibits tended to confirm that despite an impressive export of great filmmakers – Lang, Pabst, Sternberg, Stroheim among them – Austria has generally failed to develop a sustained national film culture. Out of national loyalty, past Viennales have generally managed to put together a little showing of new Austrian films. This year they managed to field only a rather silly if intermittently amusing piece of camp, Hans Fadler's Wiener Brut, an odd and disorientated affair which confronted androgynous punks and junkies with Old Vienna aristocracy, played by drag artistes.



Sara Scuderi still upstaging them all in *Il bacio di Tosca*

Documentary was in the ascendancy. Daniel Schmid, a Swiss director whose own taste in the past has tended to favour the camp and decadent, offered the unforseen star attraction of the festival, Il bacio di Tosca. This was filmed in the Casa Verdi in Milan – the composer's last home, which he designed to serve, after his death, as a shelter for 100 old musicians.

The Verdi royalties that once supported the Casa have ended, and the number of needy inmates has dwindled now; but Schmid discovered in this place a bizarre and beautiful Pirandellian universe of happy people who have ceased to distinguish between reality and the fantasy of the opera stage that was their world. The old prima donnas and composers and chorus ladies and instrumentalists live together here, their ambitions and rivalries undiminished. Most of them pretend that they are just passing through, staying for a week or so. Even the eighty- and ninety-year-olds keep their bags ready packed in case there should be some sudden call from the Met or La Scala.

The irrepressible star of the film is the octogenarian Sara Scuderi, reckoned in her seasons at the Scala, where she starred with Gigli, an outstanding Tosca. Still in formidable voice, Scuderi is never offstage, never out of character. She is forever breaking into song (often in duets with Leonida Bellon, whose powerful tenor is quite undiminished by his 79 years) and never misses a chance to upstage everyone in sight. "Funny – your room seems smaller than mine", she sniffs, making a state visit to the cell of a one-time rival.

The Kiss of Tosca is death, maybe, but these absurd, noble, touching, funny people are unawed and undefeated by the thought: "I'll still be singing two hours after I've gone", declares Scuderi with conviction. Schmid's film is irresistibly charming, cheering and endearing; and the tardiness of British television buyers in picking it up is regrettable.

Markedly different in style and subject, Ken Loach's **Which Side Are You On?** also made a powerful impression, though its original television screening in Britain went almost unmarked. Having failed to find other sponsorship for a film on the coal strike, Loach accepted a commission to make one about a remarkable creative surge that took place among the miners and their families, who began to write poetry and songs about their situation.

Feelings are distilled in these artistic expressions, in a way that enables Loach to find an essence that eluded more formal documentary reportages on the dispute. The result is powerful and ominous: what emerges with terrible clarity is the hardening of a class conflict more virulent than at any time in the past century, and aggravated by new concepts of police deployment. The most startling sequence is one in which the chorus of a miners' social club places an altogether new and sinister interpretation on an old music hall favourite, "The Laughing Policeman".

Other features on show included the latest Godard, Je Vous salue, Marie, an updating to 1984 of the story of the Immaculate Conception, which has roused French Catholic communities to prayer, protest and physical destruction of the film. Seen dispassionately, it is a mixture of Godardian pretensiousness, flair and banality. When the fruit of the virgin birth, grown into a saucy lad, vanishes from home, Mary assures her Joseph "He'll be back by Easter"

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The munificent seven

The Times Profile: The Bonn Summit

Bonn is not the best place to hold an economic summit, since much of the purpose of this annual cluster of seven heads of government is photographic. Like globe-trotting Royals, each political leader has come to the eleventh economic summit, which begins today, to be filmed with other important personages.

It was the Italians, when it came to their turn to act as hosts, who first realized the full pictorial potential of the summit by inviting the participants to Venice. President Mitterrand refloored Versailles for his, to accommodate modern communications. President Reagan followed with America's imitation of history, siting his summit quaintly in Williamsburg.

Only the dull Anglo-Saxons stick with their capital cities; London has been used twice, and now here we all are in Bonn for the second time. Mrs Thatcher did her best to milk London:s history, dragging participants across the city to hear her read the communiqué at the Guildhall. Bonn, of course, is somewhat lacking in history; which perhaps explains why the Germans want to dignify it with summits.

For there is no doubt that the German Government takes its host responsibilities exceedingly seriously. Accommodating an economic summit is no light task. Last year, British diplomacy nearly broke under the strain of negotiating a reduction in the length of President Reagan's motorcade. The seven heads of government are buttressed by their finance and foreign ministers and an official "sherpa" who does such real work as summits entail. (Britain's sherpa is Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet secretary.)

These luminaries of the seven national delegations, plus their bag-carriers and watch-dogs, are augmented by an extra delegation from the European Commission, which has struggled its way to full membership of the summit club. (At the first London summit in 1977, the commission president, Mr Roy Jenkins, was left without a carafe of water at the final press conference; a hint that he should not dare to speak up in the presence of his superiors.)

But all the official delegations together could not muster an army of much over a thousand. It is we journalists who turn the summit into a circus, outnumbering officials by three or four to one. Since the summit is, after all, a media event (which means lots of journalists but virtually no news), host governments go to enormous pains to provide us with occupation.

But journalists are notoriously difficult to herd; and this year the Americans do at least have a story.

As far as the most important participant is concerned, all the economic issues of this summit are completely overshadowed by the great Bitburg row. Normally, the summiteers are only too glad of political distractions from embarrassing economic questions, but the graves of SS members in Bitburg cemetery are not the best diversion for summiteers endeavouring to use the occasion to express their democratic unity.

So the main business of the summit may come almost as a relief. Its end product, of course, is nothing more than a communiqué of mind-numbing euphemisms. But the drafting process uncovers the differences in policy and performance between the participants, so that each syllable may be hotly contested.

President Reagan, who is in Europe largely to be sight-seen, does not want trouble. But he does need further gestures towards trade liberalization from his summit partners, because congressional pressures for protectionism are getting hard to handle.

Reagan says he will not tell others how to run their economies

The American economy, which has enjoyed two years of boom, is patently slowing down. The latest figure, suggesting a growth rate of only 1.3 per cent for the first few months of this year, no doubt exaggerates the gloom; but American producers are clearly losing out to imported goods, and want some compensation from the Japanese and Europeans.

Mr Reagan has been saying that he will not tell other governments how to run their economies, in the vain hope of preventing them telling him how to run his. But his accompanying secretaries of State and the Treasury have been pointing out that America has been providing 70 per cent of world expansion, and suggesting that Europe should now provide its share. Their other, less sensitive demand is that the Europeans should agree with the United States and Japan to name the day for a new trade round, which if started next year could be plausibly named after the American president.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone needs to defend Japan's huge American market for manufactured goods against import restrictions, without conceding so much that he will be stabbed in the back by members of his warring political party back home, many of whom are suspicious of his new internationalism.

Japan's growth rate will be comfortably higher than the other summit countries' this year, but its trade surplus topped $45 billion in 1984-85 and is still rising. Mr Nakasone has already played his strong card by publishing Japanese trade concessions, and has little more to offer than promises to make these concessions mean what they appear to say. He can however, try to improve his hand by supporting America's call for a new round of international trade talks (Mr Nakasone skilfully climbed aboard this bandwagon last year) sweet-talking Europe on trade and demonstrating his role as Pacific spokesman at the summit talks.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's main anxiety, like any host, is to make the summit look a success. He is under pressure to cut taxes, both by his own national research institutes, who wield a lot of influence, and by the US delegation. But Germany is haunted by memories of the first Bonn economic summit, when Chancellor Schmidt reflated, a second oil crisis supervened and inflation shot up. Though German growth is still painfully sluggish, Mr Kohl would plainly rather wait for a suitable domestic moment to announce some tax cuts. Meanwhile, he - along with the other Europeans - will continue to nag President Reagan about the size of his budget deficit.

The deficit, the Europeans argue, is holding world interest rates up and world growth down - particularly in Europe. But President Mitterrand of France is looking for more radical American change than mere budget-trimming. President Mitterrand wants agreement on international monetary reform, and has been holding up agreement on a new round of trade talks by arguing that currency reform should be discussed "in parallel".

That has provided the only ripple of excitement in the pre-summit negotiations. But the general opinion of other delegations, wise in the ways of summitry, is that President Mitterrand simply wanted to save up agreement for Bonn.

Nevertheless, we should all be grateful to the French: they have certainly done their best to inject some life into the past four summits. The demand for reform of the currency system first came from the French at the Versailles summit; found its way properly into the communiqué at Williamsburg, and triggered a two-year study between the finance ministries of the 11 main industrial countries.

But the French are out on a limb. For all the wrangling between America, Germany and Britain during the January currency crisis, all three now seem determined to agree that the present exchange-rate system is "fundamentally" sound.

President Mitterrand's other initiative cannot be so conveniently by-passed: the demand for further moves to assist famine-stricken Africa. The summiteers are always uneasily aware that they are a kind of directorate of the rich: unlike most other international economic meetings, the summit includes no one from the developing world.

Fifth in the pecking order of economic size comes Britain's prime minister, Mrs Thatcher. In Bonn, she does not even seem to rate a special "bilateral" meeting with President Reagan; but in the political talks we will be able to play the valuable card of previous discussions with the new Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. Britain is concerned to ensure that the new trade round encompasses services, where British industries find themselves stymied, not least by German protectionism.

The Thatcher government has also shown itself frankest in its criticism of President Reagan's budgetary policies, and is equally determined to stamp out talk of reflation in Europe. Mrs Thatcher, in Bonn, will be playing the international statesman. But no one can keep Mr Nigel Lawson quiet.

Apart from the French, the Italians have been making the most anxious representations about European unemployment. Italy's prime minister, Signor Bettino Craxi (it makes a nice change to see the same Italian at two consecutive summits) will be urging the need for stronger European recovery.

There is, however, one summit newcomer: Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada. Overshadowed by the United States, the Canadians have suffered more than most from a volatile American dollar. Fluctuations have been limited by "smoothing" interventions; but that is the kind of thing that works better for a minor currency. Advice from Mr Mulroney will be listened to politely – no doubt.

Out of this diversity the luckless sherpas have to refine the final communiqué. Their load should be lighter this year; one of Chancellor Kohl's declared improvements is to avoid the proliferation of special declarations that were handed out to journalists attending the London summit like emergency rations. Apart from the economic communiqué, there is to be a single political declaration. As drafted, this consists mainly of sentiments of democratic unity between seven participants who 40 years ago were split by war.

Although an economic "thematic paper" was circulating weeks ago, the drafting of the communiqué is still, in part, left to the last minute. Technology has been brought to the Sherpas' aid – more or less. Last year in London, Sir Robert Armstrong was plodding along with the job of writing phrases on a pad which are automatically revealed in delegation offices, where the drafting technicians get to work. He found himself absent-mindedly transcribing one of the ruder comments of an exhausted or exasperated summiteer. Those of us obliged to listen to the final versions could wish such errors were allowed to survive.

Sarah Hogg



In the driving seat: summit participants (clockwise from top left) Thatcher, Mulroney, Mitterrand, Kohl, Nakasone, Reagan, Craxi

CHRONOLOGY

The annual economic summit sprung from an initiative by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France. He persuaded the heads of government of the United States, Japan, West Germany and Britain to join him at Rambouillet, outside Paris, in November, 1975, during the first real world slump of the post-war period. Italy came along at the last minute; Canada claimed its place later, followed by honorary membership for the European Community as a whole. The seven full members have taken turns to host the summit, as follows:
1975 Rambouillet, 1976 Puerto Rico, 1977 London, 1978 Bonn, 1979 Tokyo, 1980 Venice, 1981 Ottawa, 1982 Versailles, 1983 Williamsburg, 1984 London, 1985 Bonn.

The most terrifying invaders are the White House press corps

Last year in London, various ministers appeared at intervals on huge screens in the press centre, to answer a few random questions by remote control. After all, it was 1984. In Bonn, where summiteers, scribes and cameramen are all closer together, there is more excitement over security. Eight thousand policemen are said to be roaming the streets demanding passes; in anxious compensation to its luckless inhabitants, Bonn has announced a telephone number aggrieved citizens can ring if – say – they are blocked out of their own street.

But the most terrifying invaders are the celebrated White House press corps. Bonn is doing its best to render them harmless by housing them on pleasurecraft moored on the Rhine.

In the Faeroes, tradition kills hundreds of whales each year. Tony Samstag reports

Where slaughter binds the community

The Faeroese are an engaging race; handsome, instinctively courteous, honest and good-natured. They inhabit a picture-book seascape where nothing much ever happens: a collection of tiny islands, surprisingly temperate, rugged yet vividly green, enjoying the high standard of living common to Scandinavian countries with few of the corresponding pressures. And yet, at this time of year they embark on a series of slaughters which turn the sea red with blood and horrify the relatively few foreigners who have witnessed them.

While their cousins in mainland Denmark, Norway and Sweden are preparing for their joyous midsummer celebrations – bonfires, barbecues, drunken dancing through the pale night – the Faeroese, not to put too fine a point on it, are working up to one of their national pastimes: the ritual killing of whales. Its origins are obvious – whales were once rich, plentiful food for a nation of subsistence seafarers – but no one seems quite sure why they carry on the tradition, and with such stomach-churning gusto.

On one day last May, according to a recent report by the newly formed Environmental Investigation Agency, 349 pilot whales were killed in the harbour of Torshavn, the Farroese capital. "The kill produced over 195,000kg of whale meat and blubber which was distributed free, according to law and tradition, among those who participated and those in the community entitled to a share."

The bay at Torshavn has no beach, which means that the whales must be killed in shallow water, which takes longer, by men wading waist deep or leaning over the sides of the small boats used to drive the whales into the bay. The killing this time took about four hours amidst an air of carnival while families watched and small children played on the shore.

Whales were stabbed with spears to keep them away from the boats and prevent them from escaping while others were pulled in for the kill with large hooks. "Their spinal cords were severed about a hand's breadth behind the blowhole. Often the hooks failed to hold and the whales were gashed. High pitched whale squeaks echoed round the bay among the shouting of the excited men, as the creatures struggled constantly in their pain and fear.

"Waves washed over the thrashing whales in the shallow water as the final cuts were made. It took over 30 seconds ... and several slices of the knife through the thick blubber and flesh before the spinal chord was reached. Sometimes the cutting took two men ..." Once dead, the whales were butchered on the quay.

At a second occasion, on a beach in Fuglafjordur, where 54 whales were killed that August, the observers reported: "As soon as the whales were dead, their bellies were slit open to prevent the meat from spoiling too quickly. Four foetuses were removed from pregnant females. Children were given the day off from the local primary school so that they could join in the activities on the beach and learn about their traditions. All day children played in the bloody water, on the dead whales and were allowed to cut up the foetuses and the fins of the other whales."

The pilot whale (Globicephala melaena) can reach nine metres in length, at maturity they may eat about 34kg of squid and fish daily. It is thought to be the most gregarious of whales, with schools (always led by one old male, hence the popular name of the species) not uncommonly numbering hundreds. They may live to the age of 50.

Its gregarious nature can lead to spontaneous strandings of quite large groups, and makes the driving techniques of the Faeroese that much more effective. Records of pilot whaling in the Faeroes begin in 1584, when harsh rule by absentee Norwegians and Danes forced the islanders to rely on whale meat for survival. A record number of 2,973 whales were taken in 1981.



Slaughter of the innocents in the Faeroes

In the old days, when a school was sighted a complex sequence of signals involving bonfires and runners would alert the various communities that a kill was imminent. The first boat to spot the whales would have a sweater tied to its mast, and others would converge as they saw it to begin the drive.

The pilot whale knife, used for the kill and for butchering afterwards, can be an elaborate piece of equipment and is often carried on a colourful woollen waist band of 12 woven threads. Dancing used to take place after the kill, but this is now said to be rare. The meat is distributed according to a complex system of eligibility; if there is enough, everyone is entitled to some. In recent practice, some meat has had to be dumped because there was no demand for it.

Of the two kills observed last year, the smaller one in August was considered "a clean, efficient kill" and a matter of some local pride. The larger, messier slaughter in Torshavn was deplored by many islanders, who saw it as immoral that many of the animals had obviously been killed for sport and not for food.

One of the observers suspects that the kill is in fact an aspect of "the religious undercurrents of Faeroes life... a time for thanksgiving" and a ritual that "plays a significant role in village unity".

He concludes: "The people we met seemed to be honest. They believe in how they conduct their lives and are prepared to defend their ways."

Anita Bennett investigates the school riot that shocked a pit village

The playground revolution

What makes dozens of normal school children take part in an unprecedented demonstration of defiance that shocked a mining community already hardened by the year-long pit strike?

That's the question education officials are investigating following the day in Armthorpe, South Yorkshire, two months ago – the day the miners returned to work and the day the pupils of Armthorpe Comprehensive rioted after padlocking the school gates and forming a 150-strong picket line in front of the school. A brick was thrown through a window and a fence torn down.

It's going to be a difficult question to answer. Was the miners' strike to blame? Was the riot a reaction to industrial action by teachers? Or did it reflect a much deeper and profound discontent – the children's fears about unemployment?

Perhaps the children themselves will come up with the real reason (so far they have blamed "petty" school rules and a "hardline" headmaster) when they give evidence at a board of inquiry.

Mr Michael Stevenson, the headmaster, who reacted by suspending a number of children, initially blamed the miners' strike. That theory gained support from Mr Doug Gorrie, chairman of the local education authority: children had dropped the game of cops and robbers in favour of police and pickets, he said.

However Mr Stevenson has changed his position in the weeks since. Almost as if he senses that solutions are not enough, he now says: "We have to accept that there is abroad in our society a spirit of lawlessness, part of permissiveness, which has crept into social attitudes."

A local newspaper linked the riot to the industrial action by teachers. But of all the theories advanced, this one seems the weakest. Few teachers at the school had been involved in selective strikes.

The school's head tutor for third year pupils is Anthony Jones, who declares: "The strike was really about unemployment, and, I suppose, if I really think about it, that the school perpetuates middle-class values in a working-class society." His analysis gets some support from the school's deputy head, Mr Gordon Heathcote: "It's becoming harder to make the pupils see the importance of school work. I just signed off three boys and said to them all 'just make sure you keep trying to find a job'." But Heathcote knows that they almost all face disappointment – and unemployment benefits.

The children's explanation for the riot: "We demonstrated because we're not allowed white stitching on shoes, or long, dyed or curly hair", says one. "Even in hot weather we have to wear a tie and a hot blazer." Another says: "You're not going to get a girlfriend unless you've got fashionable clothes."

In any case, Mr Stevenson insists that his rules on dress have been in operation for 17 years. He says they were actually demanded by the parents, many of whom send their children miles to Armthorpe simply because they support traditional values.

Parent Mr Tony Scothorne, whose son, Carl, had been sent home for having spikey, almost punkish hair, doesn't blame the riot on the rules. "Things are bleak, a major strike, upheavals, mergers, cutbacks", he says, when asked to explain the riot.

What is clear is that Armthorpe is a divided community. Last August, it was the scene of what Doug Gorrie calls "a police riot". The village was cordoned off for two days while the police tried to break the miners' picket line. Two children appeared on a television news programme to describe how they had seen police smash a local man's head against a lamp-post.

But, whatever the findings of the board of inquiry, nothing will change the sadness of this view by the local rector, John Peek: "The village has no awareness of spiritual values. People can only come to an awareness of faith where there is a message of hope. There is none here. The children live from moment to moment, not knowing where they're going and not adapting fast enough to cope".

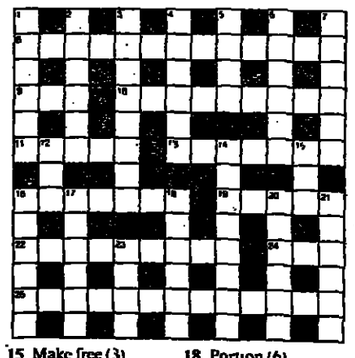
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BOOKS

A hard man at the little game of politics

John Campbell

BALFOUR
Intellectual Statesman
By Ruddock F. Mackay
Oxford, £19.50

Lord Birkenhead called Arthur Balfour "one of the greatest intellects" ever to have devoted itself to the study of politics in this country." It is the achievement of this biography to make that judgement seem, if anything, an understatement.

It is not really a conventional biography at all. It is as different as possible, for instance, from Max Egremont's agreeable but undemanding portrait of Balfour the man, published in 1980. What Ruddock F. Mackay has written is rather, as his sub-title implies, a critical study of Balfour the intellectual in politics and, more particularly, Balfour the military strategist.

The tenacity and political longevity of so outwardly detached and languid a man – coming back after his unlucky premiership and his resignation of the Tory leadership in 1911 to undertake a second career which lasted until 1929 – has always been a puzzle. Mackay has explained the paradox. "By the early 1870s", he writes, "Balfour had come to the conclusion that, in addition to philosophy, music, society, family duties, conversation, reading, and games, he needed an occupation, and it occured to him that the rather serious game of politics might suit him well." The British are notorious for taking games more seriously than real life. Balfour took politics seriously precisely because he treated them as a game – an absorbing intellectual game which never ceased to fascinate him.

There were two little games: the domestic one, which involved outwitting the Liberals and holding the Tory party together in order to prevent Home Rule, and later socialism; and the great international boardgame of Great Power diplomacy. It was the latter that really engaged Balfour's attention for more than 30 years. In the former, he displayed extraordinary dialectical ingenuity in attempting to unite his party around a fiscal policy in which he genuinely believed but which no one else understood, but he lacked the quality of leadership and the populist touch necessary to win a game that was ultimately decided by the untutored democracy.

The game of international politics, however, gave free rein to his power of detached analysis. He was not always correct in his anticipations – he was slow, for instance, to recognize the German danger, seeing no rational conflict of interest, and persisted, even after the conclusion of the *entente cordiale* (and still in the 1920s), in regarding France as the most likely enemy. But the quality and range of his strategic memoranda are deeply impressive. It is no wonder that Asquith called him to the Committee of Imperial Defence in 1912, and to the War Council in 1914-15, on a non-party basis, as the most expert and penetrating mind available.

It is the C.I.D. which entitles Balfour to reckoned, in more than just chronological terms, the first twentieth-century Prime Minister. Not only the first, but one of the best and paradoxically the most serious-minded, bar none.

Bland Oracle of the Beeb

Peter Jay

THE BBC – THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS
By Asa Briggs
Oxford, £17.50

If the Venerable Bede is truly the Father of English History, then the Venerable Briggs is his true son: prolific, indefatigable, meticulous, uncritical, unilluminating, shy of the issues, and immensely boring. Indeed, if Britain had an Official Recorder, a Chronicler Royal, or an Historian Laureate, Lord Briggs would assuredly have the first claim to the position.

Yet, for the reader who wants to understand why history unfolded as it did or to enter into the substance of the thinking and controversies which preoccupied the protagonists, there is little but teasing tantalization, in the remorseless flow of Briggs's names, dates, cuttings, quotes, and allusions. Like the lava flow from Vesuvius, the smooth and inexorable prose buries the living events, leaving only a hard and impenetrable surface, as featureless as it is polished.

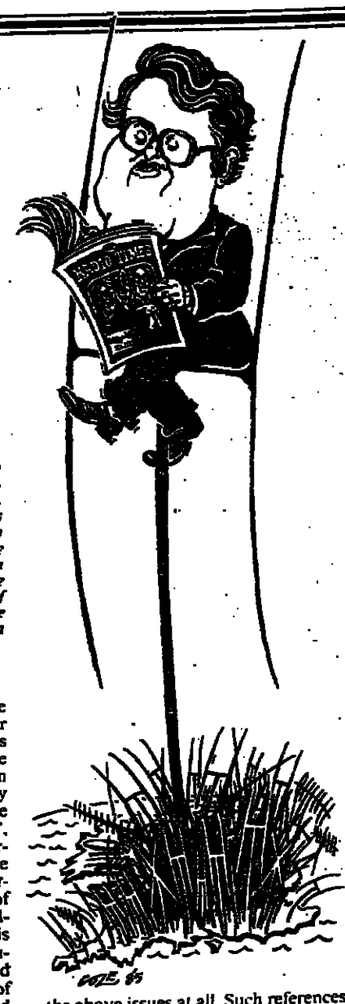
This is a great and unnecessary pity. The history of the first 50 years of the BBC, boiled down to one fat volume, should be a superb opportunity – even if we have to wait until the BBC's 63rd year to get it – to assess in tranquility the profoundly important issues, both of broadcasting regulation and structure, and of programme policy and technique, of which the BBC has been the crucible.

The opportunity to be long on analysis and insight, and short on recital and chronicle, might be supposed to be all the greater for the fact that Lord Briggs has already visited four huge volumes of official BBC history upon us and even now threatens us with a fifth, covering the period of competition with ITV. Indeed, this is precisely what the blurb and the preface tell us to expect from this single volume.

"It puts the history of the BBC as an institution in national and international perspective, and relates it to changes in society, culture and politics" says the dust-jacket. But it does not, except in the most cursory and intermittent way.

In this single volume, by contrast (with the four volumes), I am concerned with longer-term views. How and why did programmes, the staple of broadcasting, and the reactions to them, vary from one generation to another? How and why do we have to take account of more than programmes in writing the history of broadcasting? . . . are we in the last stages of the "age of broadcasting"? Are we talking about the future of an institution or the future of a system?

declares the author's Preface.



Yet, we do not learn the answers to these questions or even the author's opinions about them, especially not the "why" questions. We are titillated in the preface with references to many exciting issues, such as "fierce competition for audience ratings", "the controversies surrounding perhaps the most controversial report the BBC has ever produced – *Broadcasting in the Seventies*", "the growth of trade unions, influencing the broadcasting pattern far more than is generally recognized", "recent arguments about finances, policy, and personalities", "the rapid advance of communications technology" and "above all (changes in) society and culture".

While we are warned that "we must always end with question marks, not with full stops", we are not at all prepared for the almost complete absence of any serious discussion of the above issues at all. Such references as there are to the historical events which posed these and other issues stop rather with a colon than a question mark, i.e. at the very point where one expects discussion and analysis to start.

We are told, for example, rather in the manner of the Venerable Bede (if not, indeed, of Messrs Sellar and Yeatman), that

the stories (very much in the plural) behind the scenes of how and why Kenneth Adam succeeded Beadle as Director of Television in 1961 and left the post in 1968, of how and why McGivern left in 1961, of how and why Stuart Hood became Programme Controller in 1961 and moved over to Thames Television only three years later, and of how and why Baverstock and Milne [we are not reminded that he is the current D-G] resigned in 1965, raise more than questions of personality.

Very well, fascinating. Let us hear more about those very questions. What is the great historian's interpretation? It is this: "Television was a testing medium which strained people's nerves and exposed people's mistakes"! And then, with a glancing acknowledgement in a single sentence that "these were years when the language of most sociologists of communications, a growing body strongly influenced by Marxism, began to diverge sharply from the language of professional broadcasters" (something which in the preface we were told was an influential part of the post-1961 broadcasting world), the Lord Chronicler is off – into changing trends in radio programmes, such as *Children's Hour* and *The Dales*.

We hear no more about the turmoil of the sixties or sociologists or the "more than questions of personality" which it all raised. Even questions of personality are handled with an evasive inhibition, born it seems of the official historian's studied reverence for all the senior figures of the BBC.

Thus, when two of them – Greene and Hill – come into bitter conflict over the latter's appointment as chairman, Briggs tiptoes round the issues: "There are more contradictory versions of this most extraordinary of all the BBC stories of the 1960s, than there are of any other episode (More even, it seems, than about Adam, Beadle, McGivern, Hood, Baverstock, Milne et al.), yet the outcome was not quite as simple as seemed likely at the time . . . Hill struggled hard in far from easy years to preserve the BBC's independence of government". So, everyone comes out well. How nice.

As we draw towards the end of the final chapter, we expect at last that the issues are going to be tackled.

We are disappointed. Hurrying to an end, if not to a hastily to an end, Briggs culls a few quick one-liners from the *Guardian*, *The Times*, the *Daily Mail* and the *BBC Handbook*, drops in the most fleeting allusions to profound engineering changes (plus a footnote to show he has not forgotten "Access" television) and then delivers himself of just this Delphic ending:

In 1972, as always, therefore, there was a balance sheet to consider, not a brief evaluation to present . . . A historian's balance sheet must contain other items [than the BBC's quoted "modest sense of pride"]. Over fifty years, the BBC had not only reflected but had helped to mould culture as patron and provider. Yet it had never been the sole or even the preponderant influence . . .

It had done little to determine the shape of national – or local – politics, but much to influence the way in which political issues were presented and discussed. It had done much also to keep alive and redefine a sense of "public service" . . .

For the historian himself it had left behind a mass of invaluable new evidence, verbal and visual, more than recorded by any other broadcasting institution. Through its presence, the future writing of history can be radically transformed.

Nothing in the preceding 360 pages has been said to test or justify these seemingly platitudinous observations on culture and politics; and one is left feeling that, for Briggs, the real glory of the BBC is precisely in that huge archive, which has delighted him for so long without ever apparently stimulating his interest in who was right or why things happened.

One may, indeed, hope that future writing of the history of the BBC will be radically transformed, although, since we are offered no clue as to what that phrase means to the indefatigably non-committal Provost of Worcester, we can only assume that for him it means the opportunity to pile Pelion upon Ossa of facts without theory, of history without illumination. Indeed, Bede is much more fun.

Life more posed than snapped

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE SOUND OF HOOVES AND OTHER STORIES
By Bryan MacMahon
The Bodley Head, £8.95

ROUBLES IN WORDS, KOPEKS IN FIGURES
By Vasily Shukshin
Marion Boyars, £8.95

NO MATE FOR THE MAGPIE
By Frances Molloy
Virago, £7.95

THE STILLNESS, THE DANCING
By Wendy Perriam
Michael Joseph, £9.95

A short story differs from a novel much as a photograph differs from a film. The one, whether elaborately posed or hurriedly snapped, has to make its impact within a single uncluttered frame. The other can draw on different dimensions of time and space.

Bryan MacMahon's collection is more posed than snapped. In the title story you can feel the taut ticking of the moments as two flirtatious French girls interrupt a young man soon to be ordained and the old harnessmaker to whom he has come for worldly advice. All four seem to freeze. (In *A Woman's Hair* a gipsy actually wakes to find her black hair frostlocked in a pool of animal urine.)

MacMahon has no trouble in catching his central image – a man who spends his all on a greyhound he then fails to sell; a publican who is called outside to meet the mother of his child, a servant girl who wants his permission for their boy to serve at the altar. Nor does he fail to make us smell the dung-soiled harness, the sulphurous heather. What he does, however, is to add extra elements in an attempt to force these slithers of Irish life into a neater shape which they resist.

In pressing his ear to the mesh to hear the confessions of these characters, MacMahon invariably finds himself listening to cracked old men snared by older legends, women-troubled priests, and modern itinerants. Though he can imagine what they have done and even smell where they have been, he fails in the end to see them. They remain blurred and wispish in a crisply focused landscape.

Vasily Shukshin's stories also deal with rural peasant life, but his stories could not be more different. On top form – and he too is uneven – Shukshin manages in a handful of words, like his ashes, to suggest a man's whole life – his loves, his fears, his rebellious hates. His people are like Shakespeare's minor characters. They sit drinking, liking the morose, sentimental sound of their own voices as they solve the world's problems. Occasionally they hiccup into poetry and song with the same energy as they revolt – hopelessly – against the poverty and bureaucracy that oppress them. In the title story a young man about to change jobs gets so annoyed with his overseer, he pours indelible ink over the man's white suit. Shukshin's prose is easy and coarse, with the texture of a jute-sack, but as he wrote in one essay, "symmetry", "beauty", and "nobility" are only required by the philistine "who likes literature to be reassuring".

Frances Molloy's short first novel, which draws heavily on her own upbringing as a Catholic in Northern Ireland, is told in the phonetic mimicry of childhood speech. The device, which becomes easy to follow, makes one concentrate all the more on the narrative of Ann McGlone as she moves house, goes to school, and watches her father being taken off to prison as an IRA suspect. When eventually he is released, Ann sees "a wee wizen oul lookin' man way a bald head pretendin' that he knew me very well". The first half succeeds in capturing a child's wish to make people as exciting as figures from a book. It rustles with ferocious women who pick up their skirts at Orangemen and attack the breadman with pitchforks because he insulted the Pope. Oddly, it is the style that highlights the fragmenting of the novel's second half. Having technically pulled it off, Molloy does nothing more with her phonetic prose, which remains the same – and therefore something of a gimmick – while the character of Ann changes beyond all recognition and belief.

I don't know why one's heart sinks at a very long novel which having started with six lines of T. S. Eliot goes on to describe two pigeons copulating. Well, perhaps I do. *The Stillness, the Dancing* is well-written tosh about a divorcee who falls for a writer working on the life of a Celtic saint. There is much agonized self-questioning about the meaning of life, stitched together in terylene prose that may look dapper from a distance but causes severe irritation on contact. For some awful reason, Wendy Perriam gives the impression that she has gone about the process of looking into the darkness of our souls by eating a lot of carrots.

The reality behind the stuff of thrillers

William Jackson

BRITISH SPECIAL FORCES
By William Seymour
Sidgwick & Jackson, £15

Special Forces are the stuff of thrillers, the joy of journalists and, more often than not, the bane of the more orthodox military commanders. Despite the public interest in their activities, there is a wide gap between the plethora of "I was there" accounts and the necessarily sparse references to their actions in the official histories. William Seymour fills the gap with his well researched history of *British Special Forces*, spanning the whole of the Second World War and the post-war period up to 1982. It is a *tour de force* and deserves to be widely read by those who are more interested in the reality than the legend.

Seymour says in his introduction that he has tried to follow Sir Lewis Namier's precept "what matters in history is the great outline . . . what must be avoided is the deadly mass of irrelevant detail". He has not been entirely successful: there is a lot of detail and the chronology is sometimes confusing.

Special Forces of one sort or another have always been needed in war and will continue to be so, but they are often disliked because they can become privileged private armies and tend to attract the type of man whom the regular forces can ill-afford to lose. Seymour defines the criteria for Special Forces: small, kept firmly under control, used only for the specific purposes for which they were raised, and always well disciplined. There is no place in them for scallywags bent upon piratical adventures.

The bulk of Seymour's book is rightly devoted to the Second World War when Special Forces were spawned as never before. The first hatching was in 1940 when the Commandos were raised to meet the desperate need for offensive action of some sort in North Western Europe in the depressing defensive phase of the war after Dunkirk. The Long Range Desert Group and the S.A.S. filled a similar need in the Mediterranean.

When the war ended most of the Special Forces, including the S.A.S., were disbanded. Possibly the most interesting chapters of Seymour's book are those dealing with their resurrection and establishment as part of the regular order of battle. The Royal Marine Commandos and the Special Boat Squadron have joined the Parachute Brigade as Britain's amphibious and airborne intervention forces. The S.A.S. was re-born to provide the Army's eyes and ears in the jungles of Malaya and Borneo and in the arid djebels of Southern Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Counter-terrorism was added to their responsibilities more recently. The Falklands campaign and the storming of the Iranian Embassy have once again etched their existence on the public mind. The reality and the myths about Special Forces are not all that far apart. Seymour provides the former: thriller writers will continue to create the latter.

Play up, Salops, and play the game

Richard Ingrams

A CLASSICAL EDUCATION
By Richard Cobb
Chatto & Windus, £9.95

Professor Richard Cobb was greeted with some opprobrium last year when, in his capacity as Chairman of the Booker Prize judges, he announced to a horrified audience of literati that he had never read Proust – and what's more never intended to. Although, as it transpired, his committee had chosen a winner that was at least well-written and readable – more than could be said of many of its predecessors – it was clear that the professor had blotted his copy book and could not be asked back again. Very few people have read Proust, but to admit as much publicly! – it would be hard to imagine a graver faux pas.

This capacity to upset the apple cart and alarm the establishment is something that Cobb has been blessed with all his life. He is, like myself, an Old Salopian, in other words a former pupil at Shrewsbury School. There is obviously something about the Shropshire air that turns young men towards non-conformity and rebellion. Trouble making Old Salopians include, in addition to the two already mentioned, Samuel Butler and Charles Darwin as well as Cobb's contempory Brian Inglis, editor of the *Spectator* in a Golden Age of irreverent comment. Cobb himself showed his talents at an early stage. He tells us in his new book how he shamelessly persecuted his high church chaplain at Shrewsbury, the Rev A. L. Hoskyns-Abrahall. On one occasion he rang him up and said that he was not at all pleased with his work. "Who are you?" the Chaplain stammered. "I am your employer, God" was the reply.

Cobb's new book may not annoy the establishment, though it will undoubtedly call forth further brickbats from those who consider him guilty of bad form. For this reason, perhaps, the publishers have done their best to camouflage the book. Neither its title nor the cover – a boring school group photograph – give any clue as to its sensational contents. It is a murder story, at times macabre and gruesome, the "villain" of which is Cobb's Irish school friend, here identified only as "Edward". Edward carried the Salopian penchant for non-conformity rather too far by taking an axe to his mother. That she did everything to deserve her fate Cobb makes clear, for she seems to have been a completely malevolent women who in the end provoked her son to his one and only act of homicide. Cobb gives a thrilling account, as gripping as anything by Patricia Highsmith, of Edward's disastrous attempts to conceal his crime and simulate a car crash from the hills above Dublin Bay.

But except to those of depraved taste, murders in themselves are seldom very interesting, any more than murderers, a fact that Cobb grasps very well. Edward, who served a 13-year prison sentence and is now 68 and re-acquainted with his friend, may well take exception, not to the revival of his ancient crime, but to the impression given here that he is rather a boring and pathetic figure. What gives *A Classical Education* its fascination is the author's description of how he himself, a shy and introverted schoolboy from Tunbridge Wells is drawn into a nightmarish melodrama from which it seems he was lucky to escape without being implicated. Mad and bad people have a wonderful way of bringing coals of fire down on the heads of the sane and innocent who befriend them. So it was that Cobb, once he had spent an unhappy holiday visit at his friend's house in Ireland, found himself the object of the mother's hatred, blamed for all her son's failings and misdemeanours. There is an extremely comic episode – though at the time it must have been quite frightening for him – when she unearthed Cobb's letters to her son and issued a writ for libel for all the many unflattering references to herself that they contained. The headmaster of Shrewsbury, Mr H. H. Hardy, alarmed at a possible scandal involving the school, decided that the way out was to acquire an opinion from two Harley Street psychiatrists that at the time he wrote the libellous letters Cobb was undergoing a nervous breakdown – an original and apparently successful defence which I shall bear in mind for future emergencies.

Like its predecessor, *A Tunbridge Wells Childhood*, this book is beautifully written with an eye for revealing and convincing detail. It is Cobb's fascination with the obscure that makes him different. "Not for me the grand sweep" he says of his historical approach. "I spend my time on what is found in the pockets of corpses." His admission that from time to time he uses his imagination to embellish his narrative is thoroughly disarming, but I fear that it will upset the great and good, coming as it does from a historian and a professor. Once again it looks as if Cobb may have "put up a black" though as far as I know he has not yet been struck off the Old Salopian register.

Psychotecs and the rest of Tecdom

Marcel Berlins

CRIME

AN UNKINDNESS OF RAVENS
By Ruth Rendell
Hutchinson, £8.95

Miss Rendell is more interested in psychology than in crime, and she has admitted that she prefers those of her novels which burrow about in the mind to her more straightforward whodunits. Her reading public, I suspect, is happier with the good Chief Inspector Wexford and the familiar topography of Kingsmarkham. Fortunately, she continues to oblige and shows no dimunition of her mastery of mood and malevolent undercurrent. A travelling salesman disappears in ambiguous circumstances, later to be found murdered. There are motives in the family, and the involvement of an aggressive women's group. Wexford moves sensitively through the difficult terrain of adolescent feminism and Rendell provides a climax as chilling and unexpected as any she's perpetrated before.

● **The Elberg Collection, by Anthony Oliver** *(Heinemann £8.95)*. Ex-Detective Inspector Webber and his Welsh widow sidekick Lizzie Thomas are fast becoming one of tecdom's most endearing and believable partnerships. A famous potter and his wife meet a horrifying death, apparently by spontaneous combustion, on a deserted French beach. Our undemonstrative pair investigate and become entangled in international fraud and violence. Oliver's deliberate pace and quietly accurate descriptions and dialogue give the denouement all the more impact.

● **Roadshow, by Wiliam Marshall** *(Secker and Warburg £8.50)*. Panic at Hong Kong's Yellowstreet police station as mad bomber, Oriental-style, keeps destroying streets. Terrific action with dollops of Zen, quiet humour and local colour. Marshall makes even the traffic exciting – and crucially relevant.

● **Man's Storm, by Keith Heller** *(Collins £7.50)*. Highly atmospheric historitec set on the night of London's great gale of 1703. George Man, parish watchman, trawls through seedy, drunken, sexual Westminster for savage killer of shopkeeper. Guest appearance by Daniel Defoe in consistently informative and original period mystery.

● **Record of Sin, by Jill McGown** *(Macmillan £7.50)*. There's nowt so queer as middle-class folk in idyllic country village. Emotions fly faster that the jets overhead as the local nasty is disposed of in the quarry. A neat enough plot and solution, slightly marred by excess of samey characters.

● **One Dollar Death, by Richard Barth** *(Gollancz £8.95)*. Murder for old coins' sake. Pensioner Margaret Brinton and team of down-and-nearly-outs New York crumblies aggressively pursue numismatist killer. Unlikely and engaging.

● **Always a Body to Trade, by K. C. Constantine** *(Hodder and Stoughton £8.95)*. Hard-drinking, rough-talking, crude and sentimental Mario Balzic, Chief of Police of hick town Rocksburg, Pennsylvania, has acquired a critical and public following in America. Over-detailed dialogue and concentration on the minutiae of small-town existence may not be every English reader's slug of booze, but there's no question Constantine can write, and knows what he's talking about.

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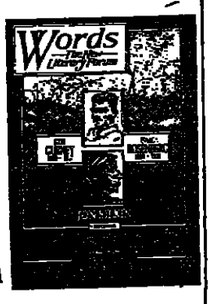
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THE TIMES DIARY

Patrick's day

But for a series of mishaps, Patrick Jenkin would have had to wipe the smile from his face after Tuesday's four-vote victory in the Lords on GLC abolition. Lady Vickers (Tory) had apparently intended to vote against the bill, but went through the wrong lobby; Lord Avebury (Liberal) failed to get to the Lords in time from his Pimlico office to vote against, while fellow Liberal Lord Tanlaw got stuck in a traffic jam in Reigate. The Bishop of Southwark also failed to register his opposition having committed himself to deliver a service elsewhere. Jenkin's thanks should also go to GLC chairman Illyrid Harrington, who did his best to alienate moderate Labour peers. At a lunch to woo them on Monday, Harrington produced a memo from GLC councillor Stephen Benn and declared: "I have a note here from Tony Benn's son reminding me to tell you how to vote tomorrow." Of the six Labour peers who attended the Lords debate but didn't vote, at least two – Scanlon and Plant – were at the lunch.

● **Latest intelligence from my Westminster sources on the reshuffle: Peter Morrison, junior employment minister, to succeed Sir Peter Rees as Chief Secretary to the Treasury; and Sir Peter? Doomed for the backbenches.**

Opinion toll

Top Tories should stop gloating at Labours reselection problems and look to their own seats. To coincide with today's publication of *Democracy at the Crossroads*, authors Patrick Dunleavy and Christopher Husbands have analysed all opinion polls since March and produced a projection of what would happen if an election were called tomorrow. Labour would win 108 more seats, including those of ministers Peter Rees, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards, David Mellor, Lynda Chalker, John Butcher, Malcolm Rifkind and David Trippier. Diarists would suffer too: our staple diet – Edwina Currie, Peter Bruinvels and Geoffrey Dickens – would also go.

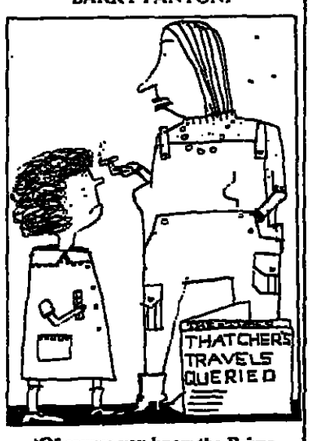
Heated words

Small wonder that the united front of left-wing local authorities against ratecapping is crumbling. At the last meeting of the group's local government information unit, Islington leader Margaret Hodge took issue with Liverpool council's deputy leader, Derek Hatton over strategy. Up stood Hatton. "If you can't stand the heat, girlie, go back to the kitchen," he shouted. The meeting, I'm told, dissolved into total pandemonium.

Poor visibility

The beleagured Nicholas Ridley, Transport Secretary, clearly no longer has time to check what civil servants say in his name. Witness his reply to a question on motorcyclists' visibility from Labour's Gwyneth Dunwoody: "The effectiveness of the available daytime conspicuity aids seems to vary according to such factors as ambient lighting levels and the pressure and mix of traffic."

BARRY FANTONI



'Of course you know the Prime Minister's name – your Malaysian pen friend wrote and told you'

Double act

Radio Four researchers working on *The Thatcher Phenomenon*, a six-part series beginning on Sunday, have been in search of Mrs Thatcher's sense of humour. They asked her school chums, who said she was an "extremely serious" little girl. They asked her Oxford contemporaries; one called her a "brown girl". Their pursuit took them to the White House where Ronald Reagan, ingenuously hoping he was not being tactless, recalled telling an anecdote over dinner at the Williamsburg summit: "She stole my punchline", he complained.

Plus ça change

From, presumably, the Federation of Conservative Students, currently facing a Central Office investigation into rowdy conference behaviour, comes an anonymous account of party chairman John Gummer's own rowdy behaviour when a student at Swinton Conservative College. He performed, it says, a cruel impersonation of the principal, Sir Reginald Northern, rounded it off by climbing up the lectern like a monkey, and so outraged party officials that an emergency meeting narrowly refrained from expelling him. Yes, he did impersonate the principal, a Tory spokesman conceded yesterday; but as Gummer is "a kind man", it certainly could not have been cruel.

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Forget the seats, count the votes

by Julian Haviland

In earlier times the English and Welsh county council elections were solely about seats lost and won and about who ruled in the shire halls. The winners and losers in today's elections may indeed care about little else as their fate is recorded.

But the result that matters most to the professional politicians will take another week or 10 days to emerge with the slow totting-up of all the votes cast in every ward across the land. This is the result of the contest between the opposition parties for recognition at national level.

These elections are the best chance for the next 12 months for Labour to establish itself as the Government's only serious challenger, as the national opinion polls are at last suggesting. It cannot afford to fail; and the Alliance parties cannot let it succeed.

Labour may have fewer apparent successes to trumpet than its rivals. This is because the counties now being fought were last contested in 1981 – before the Falklands victory inflated Conservative fortunes – when Labour made spectacular gains, taking control of 10 English and four Welsh counties. What Labour now hopes for, Neil Kinnock says, is to hold those councils and gain more seats. In spite of improved morale in the Labour camp, and a marked advance in campaign efficiency, any bolder claim would be foolhardy.

At Labour headquarters they focus on one figure that measures the disaster of the 1983 general election result: in Britain as a whole, while being thrashed by the Tories, Labour at least took more of the popular vote than the Alliance, 28.3 per cent to 26 per cent. In the English shire counties, though, in 1983 the Alliance took nearly four votes for every three of Labour's (*see table*).

A year later, in the European elections, the voters in the shire counties reversed those figures, to Labour's great relief. The main objective for Labour today is to build on that improvement.

The English shires contain 310 parliamentary seats, which in 1983 returned 40 Labour and only seven Alliance (Liberal) MPs. (The rest are Conservatives.) But Alliance candidates polled 4.5 million votes, and Labour only 3.4 million. Labour is determined to banish the notion that in the shires, and particularly in the south, it is not the main challenger.

Liberal campaigners, pointing to the record number of 3,200 Labour candidates for 3,565 council seats, claim that Labour is fielding "paper" candidates (as the Liberals have themselves done in the past). These are no-hopers who lack the resources to campaign but who can gather a few votes to make the national tally look more impressive.

If Labour has most to prove today, the Alliance parties have most to gain. In 1981, the newly formed Social Democrats did not contest the elections. This year they have about 1,000 candidates, the Liberals about 1,500 – a joint effort bigger than anything the Liberals have ever managed on their own in recent years.

The Alliance target is to increase the Liberals' present 350 seats to a combined total of about 550. For the SDP there is a prospect of representation on councils for the first time, apart from its handful of seats gained in by-elections. The Liberals expect to have something to show for 10 years of work at grassroots by their dedicated Association of Liberal Councillors.

In 1983 Liberals were contemptuous of SDP candidates with no experience and often weak organization. Now the tone has changed. The SDP acknowledges that it has learned new campaigning skills from the Liberals, who in turn say that the Social Democrats are showing a new readiness for hard work.

Shire counties: % support for the main parties

	1981	1983	1984
Lab	34.9	21.4	29.8
Con	40.2	50.2	47.7
Alliance	18.1	27.9	21.8

Source: Labour Party

Senior people on both sides have remarked that nothing helps to cement the Alliance so effectively as joint campaigning. The Liberals are talking again, in terms calculated to alarm Dr David Owen, of "organic merger" of the two parties at constituency and area level, however much the SDP's national leaders may strive to maintain a separate identity.

Differences sometimes appear. Social Democrats talk about cutting local government costs, while Liberals talk like Labour about the need to maintain services. Some Liberal candidates go along with the notion, bizarre to the SDP, of declaring nuclear-free zones in rural England. But in every county the two parties have agreed, sometimes after argument, on a joint manifesto. Nowhere are Liberals and Social Democrats opposing one another, as in 1983.

With the national opinion polls showing Alliance support at the 1983 level, optimism in its camp has grown. If it does take a quarter or more of the votes tomorrow, many counties may be left with no one party in control. Liberals and Social Democrats have begun to dream of holding the balance of power in a dozen county council chambers.

A consolation for their opponents would be that the use of such adventitious power is a proven way of losing friends.

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Welfare cuts: George Hill on Norman Fowler's dual image

Outsider on a winning streak?

There is a time in a ministerial career to be useful and a time to dig in your heels and be awkward: three-quarters of the art of climbing the political ladder lies in being able to tell which at any given moment. Norman Fowler has advanced far and fast in politics by being useful – an efficient executor of policy, assured, prudent, rather colourless, not identified with any particular faction or definite point of view.

His clash with Nigel Lawson over the social services review does not seem to fit in with this pattern at all. Fowler has moved with assurance to block Lawson's attempt to secure extra public expenditure savings by *further cuts in services*. The argument has created an impression of governmental disarray just before the shire county elections. It has also frustrated the Chancellor, in a glare of publicized rumour, in his favourite ploy of bouncing colleagues at the last moment into yielding to the Treasury a little more than they had intended to.

The Opposition has attacked the proposed social security changes, but some cynics suspect that the whole thing is a put-up job, to soften the pain once plans are announced with the reflection that things might have been far worse. Certainly the predicted cuts in child, housing and other benefits, and the probable dismantling of the earnings-related pensions scheme, cannot be expected to evoke anything but bitter lamentations from welfare interest groups.

There is something about Norman Fowler's air of brisk purpose, a private affability somewhat lacking in real warmth, that makes opponents suspicious even – or especially – when the leaks from behind the Cabinet door cast him in the most heroic light. "Shallow all through – a living public relations exercise", says Frank Dobson, Labour spokesman on health, who also saw service against him in his previous job at transport.

Mistrust lingers partly because Fowler had been mildly inclined towards the left of the party when it was fashionable to be so, and made the transition effortlessly to Thatcherism when she came to the fore.

Even if the clash with the Chancellor is a real one – and the evidence strongly suggests that it is – it is not difficult to explain Fowler's recent action in terms of self-interest.

To cut and cut again may serve the party's immediate political purposes, but sooner or later the consequent unpopularity is certain



to rebound, in particular on the minister who happened to be in charge at the time. Political fashions reverse themselves, and the Thatcherite rhetoric of public thrift and private self-reliance has already had a significant run. Fowler has at least his share of the ambition which marks most politicians, and has no intention of being turned into any sort of scapegoat.

Given the present climate, an ambitious politician might be expected to stand up for the welfare state. "He suffers from the pressures of the hard-faced men, but he has a genuine streak of compassion, which I can't say for all his colleagues", says Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, a candid observer from within his own party.

Fowler's defence of the tax-funded basis of the NHS, for example, has been consistent since he first took charge of the department in 1981. One of his first acts was to jettison studies into an insurance-based system commissioned by his predecessor, Patrick Jenkin, and there have been other spending clashes with the Treasury, less highly publicized than the present one. Dr John Havard, secretary of the British Medical Association, has no doubt that Fowler has a real feeling for the NHS – "definitely one of the better Secretaries of State I've worked with – quietly efficient, fair, and a very agreeable man".

For some time, at least, he also showed favour towards earnings related pensions, and when Mrs Thatcher publicly ruminated in 1983 about the prospect of the country being overrun by pensioners by the time she herself would be retiring, he went on record with a sharp reminder that the demographic evidence indicated no problems of that kind until several decades into the next century.

There has always been a gap between Thatcherite rhetoric and practice, and Sir Brandon suspects that Mrs Thatcher herself may not be averse to having a relatively cautious figure at the department. "Deep down in Maggie there are what I call Christian Democratic leanings which need to be tapped more often than not, and Norman is particularly good at striking that chord – in a way that someone with an Oxford accent might not be."

The two have in common a background of grammar schools and scholarships. Stephen Aris, who edited the Cambridge *Varsity*, of which Fowler was sports editor, retains an impression of earnest diligence rather than brilliance. "Cambridge was a bit of a snobby place then and Norman was very conscious of the fact that he was not from public school. We would have been astonished to think he would ever be in the Cabinet."

The sports editorship seems to have been sufficient recommendation to secure him a job on *The Times* when he left university in 1961; he remained until entering Parliament at the first attempt nine years later. It was still not easy to see him as a rising Privy Councillor. There is never surprise at *The Times* when the outside world appreciates the qualities of a member of staff, but it is fair to say that there is more lack of surprise in some cases than in others.

His time as the paper's home affairs correspondent, still diligent rather than brilliant, was marked by some excitements, however. When the office was raided by armed gunmen he pursued them for some distance in his car, but eventually lost them. He showed considerable resource in reporting the 1967 June Middle East war, making his way to Beirut in a fishing boat, bluffing his way ashore past suspicious armed soldiers, wheedling a one-hour visa out of them and securing an extension before it expired. He moved on to Syria and Jordan, where he reported with unmistakable feeling on the plight of the war's new refugees clambering across the River Jordan.

Fowler is inclined to reticence about his interests outside politics, and indeed seems to have few. His second wife, Fiona Poole, a former House of Commons researcher, once described him as "a very private person and a loner".

It is this privacy, and a sense of a reserve behind the affability in the lobbies, that makes it hard to guess his real motives. It would not be natural if personal ambition did not play a significant part. But the evidence is also consistent with a man with a real social conscience who is now staking out his own political position with increasing self-confidence.

Refugees on a forced march to death

Khartoum

It was when the raffia walls of the little hospital began to bulge and shake that I began to grow apprehensive.

All around were demanding faces; angry, imploring, uncomprehending. Children leant through the windows, arms outstretched. Women crowded behind, chattering with relentless insistence. Inside what had once been the consulting room, their menfolk were determined that I should write down their names as if the simple act of transcription would make things better.

Outside, there were about 20,000 people. Two thousand were actually besieging the room in which I sat. Their food supplies had been deliberately cut. Their waterholes had been blocked. Their hospital had been closed and the doctors and aid workers expelled.

Mine was the first white face they had seen for weeks. White faces, they knew, took notes and then brought food in lorries and water in tankers. Where was mine?

This was Abu Zed, one of two sprawling expanses of thrown-together tents which make up Omdurman camp outside the Sudanese capital of Khartoum. The people were not the refugees from Ethiopia, Chad or Uganda of whom the world has heard so much. They were native Sudanese, made destitute by drought, who had given up their homes in the Kordofan region and made the 10-day trek to Khartoum in a last-ditch search for sustenance.

That was more than five months ago. At first, they were well supplied by the international relief services which could reach the desolate site in a 20-minute drive from air-conditioned offices in the capital.

But the presence of such a huge number of Sudanese refugees so near the seat of government was, the recently deposed President Nimeiry decided, a distinct embarrassment. In the weeks before the arrival of US Vice-President Bush, the authorities decided to transport the 80,000 back to their homes in the west, in a move called Operation Golden Return.

Five weeks ago I sat in Omdurman camp's deserted hospital and was bombarded with accounts of the reality of the golden operation in which hundreds, if not thousands, died. Despite official promises, there was no supply of food and water prepared for them in Kordofan. As the governor of the blighted province, Fathi Bushara, who has since been arrested by the new military junta, was throwing a celebratory tea party in Khartoum's Grand Hotel, to announce that not one Kordofani refugee remained in the capital, many of his people had set out on the 10-day walk back to Omdurman.

They did not all make it. Those who did discovered that all aid organizations – the Islamic African Relief Agency, Save the Children Fund, Médécins sans Frontières, the Ford Foundation, the Children's Emergency Hopital – had been ordered out of the camp by the government. The field hospital was closed. The water holes which Unicef had drilled had been blocked.

I visited the camp with a Sudanese doctor who was making a surreptitious survey of the number of people who had returned. His estimate was more than 20,000.

The first tent we called at was that of Sheikh Babikir Ahmed Babikir. He was aged 45 but looked 20 years older. He left in the government lorries with 102 members of his tribe. He returned with only 62. Among those who died was his father.

As we talked, other sheikhs gathered. Ahmed al Tayeb had gone home to Qerqite. There was nothing to eat or drink there. Eighteen children had died. Of Balah Hasari's tribe, 80 had died on their fruitless return to a village near Jabra. Ahmed Hasan referred to 48 who died on the long, hot ride.

A crowd of several hundred men, women and children had congregated, curious at first, then hopeful, as the discussion progressed, and eventually, demanding. "We must leave," said my interpreter, who could see that expectations were being created which we could not fulfil.

We arrived at the hospital, a huddle of shelters made from raffia mats. It was deserted. In one room, an old caretaker sat on a plastic chair next to an unmade bed. As we wandered in and out of the dusty rooms, refugees began to appear.

The hundreds of people who had surrounded us at the first tent had followed us, their numbers swollen on the journey. More and more crowded into the tiny room. The walls of the hospital threatened to collapse under the pressure of the people milling outside.

My interpreter rose and began to push me towards the door. At every step our passage was blocked. He wrote down the name of each individual who confronted us and promised he would try to do something.

It took us 20 minutes to reach our car, only a few yards away. Throughout, a small child pressed close to me. Her hair was tightly plaited in tiny rows across the top of her head, her skin was stretched over her expressionless features and her marasmic cheeks were sunken as the holes in a skull.

In contrast to the jabbering all around, she said not one word and never once held out her hand, but her unnaturally large eyes did not leave me.

I climbed into the car and the driver started the engine but hundreds of hands held the vehicle back. Then her haunting face was there again, at the window. We began to edge forward and she was pushed aside by an angry youth. Her face disappeared and, as if a spell had been broken, the car began to move more quickly.

Hundreds of people started to run in a hopeless attempt to keep pace. For a second, I caught a glimpse of the girl with the accusing eyes who stood, where we had left her, and watched us speed away, past the rotting animal corpses which littered the roadside, towards the city.

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Evil incarnate but not unique

The attempts to stop President Reagan from visiting the German military cemetery at Bitburg and the contemptible bullying of Princess Michael of Kent in sections of the British media are two faces of the same phenomenon. Forty years after Hitler's defeat far too many people who have the power of influence are possessed, consciously or unthinkingly, of a destructive urge. They take every opportunity not merely to conserve a vivid and recurrent picture of Nazi Germany as a unique expression of ultimate evil, but also to represent the German people of the time as so guilty and stained by Hitler's tyranny that their children have a moral obligation repeatedly to affirm their rejection of it for fear of being accused of an inherited taint.

That, of course, is not how Germany is seen by many who have grown up in Britain since the war – certainly not by those who know Germany and have educated minds. But this is largely thanks to their own rationality and generosity of spirit, since they grew to adulthood against a background of war films and television serials starring the SS as the villains you love to hate and of documentaries not only showing Hitler raving and stormtroopers goose-stepping but often implying that the Germans are a people morally pliant because innately subservient to any authority.

Much of all this is so cliché-ridden that it hardly helps those whose serious purpose in wishing to keep memories alive is a fear that the Nazi past might again surface amid a people temperamentally unfitted to resist it, and who therefore need to be constantly humbled with reminders of past misdeeds. It is not, after all, easy to take stock villains seriously, and I suspect that the Nazis of TV and cinema screen actually reduce our ability to think seriously about what happened, and what it signified.

Indeed, there is even some danger that the frequency of the well-meant reminders of the holocaust could be self-defeating. Human kind cannot bear too much reality and its mind quickly ricochets off the wall of the unbearable into more convenient thoughts.

Yet what is still more dangerous in these attitudes is the notion they foster that what was defeated 40 years ago was something uniquely wicked in human history: something isolated in a certain time and place, disconnected from the rest of us: a freak storm of unexampled ferocity. That is not what it was. Nor were the German people vulnerable to it because they were in some way different – except, perhaps, to the extent that at the time they had a deficient political structure and tradition.

Hitler's rule was of unsurpassed wickedness, both in its attempted genocide and in its total indifference to the suffering of conquest. Yet it was not the only attempt at genocide in human history, nor were Hitler's murdered millions the only millions in this century, and this continent, who were slaughtered, or who died by political orders that made their deaths virtually inevitable.

In Stalin's war against the kulaks three million perished, some by the machine gun and very many more by brutal treatment and starvation in work camps where survival was impossible. From 15 to 20 million people may have died altogether as a result of Stalin's rule, perhaps nearly as many as those who died in defending Russia against Hitler. But rightly we do not hark back to that as to some kind of collective Russian guilt.

Incalculable numbers also perished in Mao's China. A huge proportion of the Cambodian people were exterminated by Pol Pot; and the murders of countless other dictatorship remind us that there is always someone to do the killing. Germany has been a distinctive case only because at the end Hitler's regime collapsed quickly, revealing the visible evidence of its ghastly terror. Elsewhere we often have no more than indirect testimony.

We therefore think of the Nazi period as an unparalleled human experience, which in moral terms it was not. Thus the rest of us are too easily relieved of the burden of trying to confront the reality of human wickedness. The trivial and nasty sadism of those in the media who (wrongly as it turned out) found Princess Michael's late father guilty before there was evidence, and who demanded that she should prove herself by denouncing him, is one consequence of this state of mind. Their self-righteous indifference to her suffering mimicked in a minor way the very thing it purported to condemn.

Those who see the Germans of the 1930s as criminally guilty for allowing the Nazis to come to power legally (though as a minority party in a coalition) forget that it was done in the desperation of unemployment, and a not unjustified fear of Bolshevism and sustained later by misguided patriotism. They speak as though Hitler was given power to liquidate Jews, whereas the true German offence was a refusal to take seriously lesser threats against them at the outset because other parts of Hitler's programme seemed constructive.

But other nations and governments also made the same mistake, refusing to withstand him when he could have been brought down without damage. Evil men in politics do not succeed by nothing but evil, but by sugaring it with something palatable until the poison is swallowed.

Not everything is black and white. Not even every one of the 49 impressed or deluded Waffen-SS men (mostly under 25) who are buried at Bitburg can have been totally bad; what is certain is that of the 2,000 ordinary German soldiers there, most were more or less like the soldiers in any army, going along with the powers that were, making do from one day to the next, and not asking very deep questions.

As it happens, I cannot remember (am I the only one?) what I was doing on VE day. But shortly afterwards, and not very far from Luneburg Heath, I do recall putting a question to a pleasant and elderly businessman from Bremen with whom I had become acquainted: how could he have gone along with it? "It is as easy," he replied, raising his arm in the Hitler salute, "to do this when you meet a friend in the street as it is to raise your hat." It was an honest if not a noble answer.

Remembering that it was Stalin's partition of Poland with Hitler that began the war; remembering the hesitations and fears in Britain and France which made Hitler's aggressions possible; remembering how much of Europe was lost to democracy afterwards through Roosevelt's deal with Stalin; remembering the fate of the Cossacks and others whom we conveniently returned to Russia, who can say that all the fault was that of one nation?

Durable bonds have been forged between democratic Germany, which was also liberated 40 years ago, and its former enemies. Why is it that so many in Britain and America, which suffered so much less than France, seem to find it harder than France to stop harking back? Reconciliation and consideration for German feelings must be part of this anniversary and that is why President Reagan is right to go to Bitburg.

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Bursting out all under

"You can tell spring's here again."

"The daffodils and everything, you mean?"

"No, the Byron discovery."

"I'm not quite with you."

"Haven't you noticed? Every time spring is in the air, they discover a new work by Byron. Sometimes it's letters, sometimes it's diaries. This year it was a complete work."

"Where did they find that, then?"

"At his publishers, John Murray. Down in the basement somewhere, apparently."

"Hold on a moment, Byron's been dead for centuries. They must have known it was there."

"You don't know publishers, obviously. Taking a century over a book is quite quick work for a publisher. I sent a novel off to one firm in the 1960s, and I got a note the other day saying they hoped to come to a decision soon. Didn't like to tell them I'd had it published by somebody else in 1969."

"So you reckon that Byron sent off this work to John Murray in, say, 1821, and the post department has just got round to opening it?"

"Possible. But my theory is that they decided to have a little spring clean and came across this Byron book which someone had put on one side in, say, 1822. Hence the connection between Byron and spring."

"Amazing."

"So then I said to myself, within the week there'll be confidential documents turning up on a rubbish dump."

"Uncanny!"

"No, it's not. It always happens. Round about the time John Murray are having their spring clean, the MoD do the same. Bit of a clear-up, bit of a clean out and hey presto! State secrets blowing around in the spring breezes."

"What were these state secrets then?"

"They didn't say. But if they are anything like John Murray, stands to reason they are highly confidential reports on Britain's defences in, say, 1820."

"Who were we fighting in those days?"

"I don't think we were actually fighting anyone, but you don't have to be at war to have defence secrets. Maybe we were worried about the Americans."

"The Americans? I thought we were friends with the Americans."

"Not then we weren't. We'd been at war with them less than ten years before, burning the White House and all that. On the other hand we were allies with the Russians."

"Allies, with the Russians and fighting the Yanks? No wonder the Ministry of Defence doesn't want their secrets to get out, even from 1820."

"Quite so. Makes them look as if they can't make their minds up who they really want to fight."

"I tell you what would be really good. That would be if Lord Byron had been asked by the government to write confidential reports on the war between the Greeks and the Turks."

"It's not impossible."

"Then you'd get state secrets written by Lord Byron blowing round on a rubbish dump!"

"What a way to welcome spring. It's got everything, except daffodils."

"By the way, did you read about that bloke who was arrested for picking five daffodils in Cornwall? That's a sign of spring, surely?"

"No, no – that's a sign of the start of the silly season."

"I thought the silly season came in summer."

"Not any more. They're merging it with spring."

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NOT ALL AT SEA

"We welcome debate" says Mr Michael Heseltine, at least twice, in this year's Defence White Paper – as if in anxious response to those who suspected after the last time that whatever his ministry welcomed, it was not that. And it must be said that the discursive note injected into this year's document is an improvement on the tone of most of its precursors, which have too often read like the report by the chairman of a public company to a half-empty annual meeting.

It carries on an inevitably one-sided argument over Nato's continuing strategy of "flexible response" and even goes as far as to admit that the Trident missile programme will cost a lot of money – "money that will not therefore be available for other defence purposes". Mr Heseltine wins in the end of course, dismissing any attempt to abandon Trident as "a reckless gamble". But the first thing to notice about this year's Statement on the Defence Estimates is that it does make a braver attempt than hitherto to explain why more than £18,000 million of taxpayers' money is being spent in the way that it is.

It is also accompanied by the "Lean Look" report which details how 4,000 soldiers can in effect be transferred from the Army's "tail" arms to the "teeth". This too must be welcomed, though one wonders why it has taken so long to reach some of its conclusions.

It is likely moreover to be only one of a number of such exercises which the ministry will have to complete if it is to produce a White Paper in 1990 which bears any relation to this one. This Government may have raised defence spending by one-fifth *in real terms* since Mrs Thatcher came to power six years ago. But these heady days are drawing to a close, and after this financial year there is likely to be, at best, what Mr Heseltine recently described as a "plateau situation." This is bad news for, say, the RAF who would like a new air-superiority fighter by the middle 1990s, the Army who are after more Challenger tanks and missiles and the Royal Navy/Royal Marines who need new amphibious vessels.

The decline in the merchant fleet, which is perhaps the most significant single comment in the White Paper, is likely to sharpen the issue. The pressure on defence resources in recent years has led the ministry to look upon the *mercantile marine, from* ocean-going liners to deep-sea trawlers, as a kind of soft option. (And not just in recent years – trawlers after all were used to sweep mines off Gallipoli.) If the navy is now about to be presented with a zero option instead the consequences for force planning in the late 1980s *could be serious.*

As it is the Navy will clearly have to fight to maintain its surface fleet of frigates and destroyers at its present long-term strength of 50. Recent alarm over this has been allayed by Mr Heseltine's announcement yesterday of further orders on the horizon for Type-23 frigates – which are to play a leading role in the Navy's anti-submarine force. But the maritime lobby at Westminster will have to be on their toes if the necessary momentum is to be maintained. As the Royal Navy continues to provide 70 per cent of Nato warships in the Eastern Atlantic, the alliance too has an interest in seeing that in any dog-fight over funds, the sea-dogs do not lose.

This White Paper then, like most others, is more notable for what it does not say than for what it does. To hope that it might say something about changing the present disposition of forces within Nato might be expecting too much. But as Mr Heseltine had stated that he welcomes debate, then perhaps we should raise it all the same.

This year's White Paper emerges one week before the anniversary of VE-Day – a fact which is not missed in its introducton – as it celebrated "40 years of peace". It might be thought an appropriate time for the alliance to take a long hard look at the way it deploys its resources – and for Britain to prompt it.

There is something terribly institutionalized about the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR), with its hospitals, wives' clubs and schools. As an army it is fine – as efficient and as well-equipped, by and large, as one might hope for so long after the period of tension which created it – and which few of its soldiers *can remember.*

On the other side of the border the forces of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact continue to improve while talks aimed at reducing the size of conventional forces in Europe show little prospect of success. In that situation to suggest any change in the size and shape of British, *or anyone else's forces, on the* continent, is considered quaint heresy. It is not, we should add, to question Nato.

But is our commitment to forward defence quite as crucial as is usually supposed? And is it not perhaps our rapid reinforcement potential upon which we should be concentrating, rather than our "teeth" arms in the trenches? This is the kind of debate with which we should *commemorate* VE-Day. But somehow we don't think Mr Heseltine would welcome it.

ANOTHER SENSITIVE TRIP

By the ordinary canons of diplomacy Dr Garret FitzGerald was off-side in his dash to Derry on Tuesday. He arrived without official invitation, at three days' private notice, for several public engagements, and for a bit of unabashed electioneering on behalf of Mr John Hume's SDLP for the local elections there in a fortnight's time. "An unheralded intrusion" Mr Enoch Powell called it with some justification. Kissing other countries' babies, even metaphorically, is the wrong side of any line.

But the ordinary canons of diplomacy do not exactly fit in Ireland. Dublin has an interest in the politics of Northern Ireland by reason of sentiment and by reason of the overspill of terrorism and political crime into the *Republic. That interest* is acknowledged by the British Government, which also concedes to the Irish government a shadowy role as champion of Northern nationalists. The last prime minister to tell the Irish government to mind its own business when it raised a point of order about the conduct of affairs in Northern Ireland was Mr Edward Heath in his pre-Sunningdale period.

Further, the election in which Dr FitzGerald has intervened is of a peculiar kind. It is being held to fill the council chambers of Ulster's almost functionless districts. But the overriding issue in this as in all Ulster voting is the constitutional issue, for or against the union. Beneath that ritual confrontation two separate contests are taking place in parallel. In one Mr Molyneaux's unionists compete with Dr Paisley's unionists for supremacy within that community; in the other Sinn Fein, the Provisional IRA's political operation, challenges the SDLP for possession of the nationalist vote. The second is in some sense a contest between constitutional and "Armalite" republicanism. Dr FitzGerald's intervention was squarely on the side *of constitutionalism, and in so* far as it is likely to count for something, it is welcome in its effect, if not to everybody in its form.

Nor is it the least surprising that the Taoiseach should utilize his inauguration of the resumed air service between Dublin and Londonderry to give Mr Hume a *helping hand in his election. The* two men drank of politics together during the many sessions of the New Ireland Forum in 1983-84 – a nationalist initiative in which the British Government took a benevolent interest even if it did not much like the result. They have not only clarified their objectives. They have a close working relationship.

The two governments are currently exploring together means by which the nationalist community may be better reconciled to the institutions and governing processes of Northern Ireland. One possible means is of giving Dublin some standing there in a form that does not compromise British sovereignty or confer executive powers. Dr FitzGerald's foray fits into that frame all right. Mr Harold McCusker, MP, succinctly expressed *unionist feelings: give* him an inch and he'll take a mile – "That is why we unionists say 'not an inch' ". Mr Hurd offered a mild reproof. He thought it right that Dr FitzGerald should take into account the sensitivities of both communities. Indeed. But too close a regard for everybody's sensitivity in Northern *Ireland spells immobility,* and it is the ambition of both governments to introduce a little motion into the situation.

GRIM LOGIC IN LEBANON

It is noticeable in many parts of the world, but perhaps nowhere more than in the former Ottoman empire, that communities supposedly possessed by a deep-rooted and long-standing antipathy *for each other nonetheless* live not merely in close proximity but thoroughly intermingled. There may have been massacres in the past – evidence for them can generally be produced and the memory is often carefully cherished. Yet those who survived, and their descendants, went on living within a few miles of each *other, if not in the same street.*

So it was in Anatolia, in the Balkans, in Cyprus, in Syria, above all in Lebanon. Perhaps people's horizons were so narrow in those days that it never occurred to them to move. More likely, the weapons then used in intercommunal conflicts were simply shorter-range, less devastating. A mile or two was far enough to flee, and if a household could not defend itself a village probably could.

It is not surprising, therefore – even if it is hard to be sure what was cause and what effect – that the arrival of more destructive weapons in the area had coincided, over the last century or so, with the emergence of nationalisms building on the old communal (mainly confessional) identities but assimilating them to the West European notion of nation-states based on territorial contiguity and ethnic or linguistic homogeneity. The rot started, perhaps, with Greek nationalism way back in the early nineteenth century. It gathered pace at the end of that century and the early part of this one with the terrible massacres of Armenians by Turks and Kurds (and some vice versa) and the forcible "exchange of populations" between "Greeks" (i.e. Orthodox Christians) and "Turks" (i.e. Muslims).

More recently it reached Cyprus, where the physical separation of the two communities only began on any significant scale in the 1960s but was completed in one act of drastic and brutal surgery in 1974. Before that, of course, there had been the ingathering of Jews to Israel, and corresponding displacement of Palestinians into the Arab hinterland.

Lebanon, with its multiplicity of religious communities all speaking the same language, seemed destined to escape the process. That proved a fallacy. Common language, as Ireland shows, is no guarantee of common national identity. Lebanese Maronites spoke Arabic, but did not consider themselves Arabs. Lebanese Muslims, initially reluctant to think of themselves as Lebanese at all, later gave that label an entirely different set of overtones by adding "Arab" to it. And underneath these largely rhetorical nationalist surcoats lay the true armour of communal identity: Maronite, Druze, Sunni, Shia and so on.

Once the serious fighting started, just ten years ago, these communities began to regroup in more or less defensible areas, as others had done before them in other parts of the Middle East. But the very complexity of the Lebanese confessional mosaic has drawn the process out, making it uniquely difficult for outsiders to follow and, perhaps, uniquely painful for those affected.

It is nearly complete now, and the new map of Lebanon is emerging. The Christians are being confined to "Marounistan" – East Beirut and the coastal strip to the north of it – and to the immediate proximity of the Israeli border. The Druze have the Chouf to themselves. The Sunnis have Tripoli and perhaps will be allowed to keep the city of Sidon. In West Beirut, the Bekaa and the south the Shia will predominate.

The self-appointed leaders of Christian Lebanon – the Phalangists – provoked the expulsion of the Christians from the Chouf in 1983 and have now done the same for those of the villages round Sidon and the Iklim al-Kharroub (the "Carob Coast") to the north. It seems all too likely that a certain Shiite leadership, by attacking Israel, will now perform the same function for the Shiite villagers of the far south. It may not take much goading to persuade Israel to expel them from her "security zone" to make room for Christian refugees, a more reliable buffer population.

The extent to which Israel has consciously willed this remaking of Lebanon in her own image will be much debated. Many Muslim Lebanese will take it for granted. Western public opinion will be harder to convince. Either way, there are stronger forces at work than the conscious policies of governments. The new Lebanon proceeds from the same grim logic as Israel itself – the logic of pogrom and genocide, of a hard world in which no man feels safe except – and even then only relatively so – among his kith and kin who worship according to his rites.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prince's visit and papal Mass

From the Reverend Bruce Harbert

Sir, April 30, the day on which the Prince and Princess of Wales might have attended a papal Mass, has a particular piquancy: it is the feast of Saint Pius V, the Pope who excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I.

The troubles of the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth are the most painful of all the memories shared by Anglican and Papist. When the Pope and the heir to the throne of England are able to unite at the altar of Christ in remembering those days, the cause of Christian unity really will have advanced. For the moment, however, members of either communion might justifiably wonder whether we are indeed quite ready for that.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE HARBERT,
Howard House,
6 Richmond Place,
Brighton,
Sussex.
April 30.

From Father Aidan Nichols, OP

Sir, The decision to dissuade the Prince and Princess of Wales from attending a celebration of the Eucharist in the Pope's private oratory has brought great sadness to Catholic subjects of the British Crown here in Rome, where their *community, whether of priests or* laylolk, enjoys a wellnigh unbroken existence dating back to before the Conquest. Two grounds have been suggested for that decision.

In the first place, it is argued that the presence of the royal couple at a papal ceremony would compromise the Head of the royal house who, in her Coronation oath, undertook to uphold the Protestant religion as by *law established.* Yet the official representatives of our national churches are themselves engaged in negotiations aimed ultimately at corporate reunion with the Church of Rome: in England through the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, in Scotland through the Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Secondly, it is proposed that the attendance of the Prince and Princess would constitute a major affront to the Protestant community in Northern Ireland where, however, the Crown has no special relationship with any one Church. But, Sir, the credibility of United Kingdom institutions in Northern Ireland depends on the credibility of the proposition that to be Unionist and Loyalist is not *in itself* to be anti-Catholic.

In this perspective, the British Government would surely have exercised its powers of influence more wisely had it persuaded the leading figures of Protestant Ulster *to welcome the projected joint act of* prayer of the chief pastor of the Catholic Church with the heir to the British throne and his spouse.

An opportunity has been missed for the public, international portrayal of our country as a sovereign commonwealth where neither class, race nor creed prevents full participation in the national life. If, as partisans of government not in*frequently inform us, the troubles of* Northern Ireland derive from religious and historical memories rather than from social and economic causes within the power of the State to reform, then we have lost a major chance to cleanse that religious and historical memory by a striking symbol of reconciliation.

Yours sincerely,
AIDAN NICHOLS,
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April 24.

The great divide

From Professor M. L. West, FBA

Sir, The term "English Channel" (letters, April 18, 20, 23, 24, 26) reflects a Continental viewpoint. It is what you have to cross to get to England. Pomponius Mela writing in about 45 AD states that Europe is *delimited in the east by the Don and* the Black Sea, in the south by "our sea", in the west by the Atlantic, and in the north by the *Britannicus oceanus.* This same name is used by the Elder Pliny and by Ptolemy.

The real problem is why we in this country do not call it the French Channel. Perhaps we have deeper European instincts than we realize.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. WEST,
Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges,
Egham Hill, Surrey.

Feeling the pinch

From Mrs V. P. Tomlinson

Sir, Mr Muir (April 27) need na' fear. When I was a girl in Scotland it was the custom to give a nip for luck to the wearer of new clothes. This was not a measure of whisky but a hard pinch, usually on the upper *arm.*

Yours faithfully,
V. P. TOMLINSON,
27 Hamilton Terrace, NW8.

About-turn feared on pension pledge

From Mr David Piachaud

Sir, You report today (April 26) that the Cabinet is divided over the future of social security. If the threat to abolish the State earnings-related pension scheme (Serps) is carried *out it is the country that will be* divided.

Pension policies take decades to mature: there must therefore be a degree of political consensus if they are to achieve anything. For 20 years up to 1975 pension policy was a *political football with three major* schemes in turn introduced and abandoned by opposing parties. Finally, with the 1975 Act, a political compromise was reached.

Poorer workers were enabled to build up entitlement to a State earnings-related pension, in return for higher contributions, so that they would no longer depend on means-tested benefits – a Labour priority. At the same time security in old age was increased for those in occupational schemes by providing Government inflation-proofing – a Conservative priority. Neither the importance of these two priorities, nor the feasibility of achieving them, has diminished in the last ten years.

The Conservative Party has been consistent in its support of the 1975 Act. In 1976, in *The Right Approach,* they wrote: "We have made it clear that we can accept the compromise reached last year. After years of chop and change, it is important to have a period of stability". In 1983 they wrote: "The Act represented a compromise between the parties, and Conservatives have kept their pledge to accept it in Government".

Now it would appear that Mrs Thatcher's Government is contemplating reneging on its pledge to accept the 1975 Act. To destroy *political consensus in such a way* would be an act of political hooliganism: once more pensions policy would become a political football and security in old age would be in jeopardy.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PIACHAUD,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
Department of Social Science and Administration,
Houghton Street, WC2.
April 26.

The right to work during a strike

From the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Council for Civil Liberties and others

Sir, Having attended the annual general meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties last weekend, we regret that, in two respects, your comments on the organisation are seriously misleading ("Muzzled watchdog", April 30).

By an overwhelming majority at a very well attended meeting, the AGM welcomed the establishment of the independent inquiry into the policing of the miners' dispute and endorsed the majority of its conclusions. The AGM rejected only one sentence of the inquiry's interim report, which equated "the right to strike" with "the right not to strike".

That does *not* mean that, for NCCL, the "rights of . . . pickets . . . override any possessed by individual workers". The AGM endorsed the inquiry's view – long upheld by NCCL – that the right of an individual to go to work during a strike must not be interfered with by violence or intimidation.

But it rejected the over-simplified view, which has no basis in international human rights law, that there is some fundamental right to strike-break, to be equated with the right to strike.

NCCL has never voted "to ignore the civil liberties of the National Front". NCCL has always defended the right of any organisation, however repugnant its policies, to exist as a lawful body and to express and seek support for its views.

NCCL has taken that stand even in relation to the IRA and other organisations now banned under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. (We doubt if *The Times* can claim such consistency.) The vote of the 1984 AGM did not change that, but decided that NCCL should not itself give legal advice or other assistance *to racist organisations.*

This weekend's AGM, while confirming that stand, also made it quite clear that no individual seeking NCCL's help will be discriminated against because of his *or her political opinions.*

There will always be room within NCCL for debate about the definition and application of civil liberties principles, as well as for change in policy. We deeply regret the decision of the inquiry panel to resign from the inquiry, but we trust that everyone who understands the need for a broadly based, tolerant and vigorous civil liberties organisation will remain, or become, a member of NCCL.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM BIRTLES (Chairman, Executive Committee, NCCL),
MARTIN ENNALS (General Secretary, NCCL, 1959-1966),
PATRICIA HEWITT (General Secretary, NCCL, 1974-1983),
53 Willes Road, NW5.
April 30.

From Mr Louis R. Joseph

Sir, The question whether there should exist a co-extensive right not to strike with the "right to strike" (the latter "right" itself not being enshrined in any constitutional form), is subsumed by the pre-issue of whether a collective (and democratic) decision has been reached to do either.

When a ballot to strike has been successful, the right to strike predominates; however, when such a ballot fails (or is not held) the right not to strike (or to work) must be paramount.

Given that this is the way, I *suggest, the matter should be looked* at, the NCCL debate between the right to or not to strike is meaningless.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS R. JOSEPH,
4 Turret Grove,
Clapham, SW4.
April 30.

Mansion House plan

From Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore

Sir, I was rather surprised to read in *the centre pages of today's Times* (April 29) a double-barrelled attack on the Mansion House Square scheme by both your Architecture Correspondent and by the Chairman of SAVE Britain's Heritage.

Mr Palumbo was originally granted a planning permission to put up the Mies van der Rohe building on this site and I do not recall, during the decade that I represented the Cities of London and Westminster on the Greater London Council, receiving a single request to oppose this scheme, which the local *planning authority was happy to* approve.

As to the destruction of a "substantial number of historic buildings", the nine grade II listed buildings were described by Sir John Summerson, when he gave evidence before Mr Stephen Marks, the inspector at the public inquiry, as being only of second-rate importance.

I hope a courageous decision will be given which will justify the millions of pounds and quarter of a century spent in acquiring this site, providing an exciting piazza or square in the heart of the City, and commissioning a respected architect, whose Seagram Building on Park Avenue in New York is rightly admired.

I believe that Mies van der Rohe's glass tower will enhance the very varied townscape consisting of George Dance's Mansion House, Sir William Tite's Royal Exchange building, Sir John Soane's Bank of England design and Sir Edwin Lutens's Midland Bank headquarters at Poultry.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD SEBAG-MONTEFIORE,
2 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
April 29.

From Mr John McLean

Sir, In both Charles Knevitt's article *and the Chairman of SAVE Britain's* Heritage's letter (April 29) the attack on Mr Palumbo's Mansion House Square scheme centres on Mies's building being twenty years out of date.

What faith can one have in writers who think excellence can evaporate at all, let alone in twenty years?

Mies's Seagram building in New *York functions beautifully. The* London proposal is carefully attuned to its site. What more do we want?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN McLEAN,
1 Franconia Road, SW4.
April 29.

Institute's challenge

From Lieutenant-Colonel N. J. Gell

Sir, Tony Baldry, Conservative MP for Banbury, in his letter (April 24) appears to be trying to denigrate the Employment Institute, despite its membership, reported by you in your April 22 issue.

In their evidence to the Lords committee the chairmen of both GEC and ICI, with vast experience of home and especially overseas trade, gave evidence that a new lead by the Government was essential. Mr Baldry suggested an expansion of YTS (Youth Training Scheme): admirable as this scheme is, what percentage get jobs on completion? Canvassing for the county council elections showed that an appreciable proportion of the electorate blamed Mrs Thatcher personally for taking a rigid and doctrinaire attitude over unemployment.

Finally, Mr Baldry states: "Unemployment is a challenge to us all, not just Government": is it not up to Government to give a lead?

Yours faithfully,
N. J. GELL,
37 Sion Hill,
Bath,
Avon.

Oil in world markets

From Sir Philip de Zulueta

Sir, As a director of the British National Oil Corporation, albeit non-executive, I am increasingly concerned about the misunderstanding which appears to exist about the *so-called BNOC price for oil.*

Many people seem to equate the BNOC price in some way with the so-called "Opec price". But the two prices are fundamentally different: one is a buying price and the other a selling price. This was perhaps not *the original intention of BNOC's* founders but since Britoil split off from BNOC some three years ago BNOC has not owned any oil. It has only had the right and in most cases the obligation to buy about half the oil produced in the UK sector of the North Sea. This was arranged by *means of term contracts with* producers.

Until the early summer of 1984 BNOC was able to match its term contracts with producers against term contracts of sale. Since that time, however, and because of the difficult oil market, BNOC was increasingly unable to effect matching term contracts: term buying prices were no longer in line with market prices.

It seems very obvious that this situation had in itself no effect at all on the actual market price of oil and that any difference between BNOC buying prices and market prices merely caused BNOC to lose money *to the producers – hence the extra* capital recently voted by Parliament.

It appeared, however, that the international understanding of these commercial realities was defective and that a change in the BNOC buying price, even to a market-related one, would be alleged, quite illogically, to be likely to produce a change in the world oil price. BNOC was consequently inhibited for some months from taking action.

It can be argued that this delay was unnecessary but, be that as it may, it is surely clear that the recent decision to relate the BNOC price to market price was entirely sensible and will have no effect on the actual prices achieved for oil in the world market.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP de ZULUETA,
3 Westminster Gardens,
Marsham Street, SW1.
April 26.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 2 1851

The Great Exhibition was the concept of the Prince Consort, and building commenced in September, 1850. The exhibition was housed in Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace, in Hyde Park, London, in which on one occasion 93,000 people were present. It closed on October 15 during which time it had been visited by over six million persons. After all expenses had been paid there remained a surplus of about £150,000 which was used to found the South Kensington Museum. The Crystal Palace was removed to Sydenham, south London, where it was opened by the Queen in 1851, it was destroyed by fire in 1936.

THE OPENING OF THE GREAT EXHIBITION.

The pageant of the State opening within the Crystal Palace is over, and it remains for us to describe it as best we can. That imposing ceremony was witnessed by some 25,000 spectators, who will each have his own account to give, his own tale to tell of its wonders . . . The moral grandeur of yesterday's inauguration raises it far beyond the level of all ordinary pageants, and with the recollection of it full upon us we hardly find courage to enter on a description which must necessarily fall so much short of the reality. Written words are powerless and weak in presence of that great muster of worldly magnificence – that stupendous act of homage to industry and the peaceful arts. Yet the task must be attempted . . .

Let us look at that assemblage for a few minutes and see what meaning we can gather from their movements. They are nearly all in Court dresses, and in some instances the experienced eye can detect the awkwardness of manner which such unwonted habiliments superinduce. While they chat together other characters appear on the scene. The Heralds come – a curious mixture of the ancient and the modern: one half of their *personelle* strictly *a la mode*, the rest a tabard covered with mediaeval escutcheons and devices. Notwithstanding recent retrenchments, the beef-eaters showed themselves yesterday in great strength, health, and corpulence: and some of them, for size, might bear comparison with the giant porter of "Queen Bess." Officers of the Household troops appeared on the scene at an early hour, their showy uniforms heightening the effect and giving brilliancy to the whole assemblage. The galleries which run along the northern half of the transept had been to some extent reserved for choristers and for families of distinction. Almost the first person who arrived here was the Duke of Devonshire. His name is closely connected with the design and progress of the Exhibition, and his presence was recognised by a large number of persons. The next arrival that attracted any interest was that of the Duke of Wellington. It was his 82d birthday. As usual, he came early, and the loud cheers which announced his coming outside were enthusiastic and protracted as he took his place in the north-eastern gallery of the transept . . . A chair selected from the Indian collection, and over which a magnificent scarlet velvet elephant cloth, richly brocaded, was placed as a covering, served as a Throne. In front of the raised dais on which it was placed rose the splendid crystal fountain of Mr. Osler, the appropriate centrepiece of a palace of glass. This object had previously been concealed from public view, and its beauty and artistic design captivated everybody. It is 27 feet high, contains four tons of crystal, and is a work of which its exhibitor may well be proud. . . . The hour hands of the clocks with which the Crystal Palace is decorated were approaching 12 when the faint huzzahs of crowds outside announced that the Queen had arrived: the booming sound of a Royal salute from across the Serpentine struck faintly on the ear, and then a loud flourish of trumpets from the north gallery of the transept told that Her Majesty had entered the building. She was conducted at once to the robing room, of which we have already spoken. Thence, after a short pause, and attended by her Court, she proceeded between flower stands and tropical plants, past the Colebrookdale gates, and the fountains and statuary with which that part of the edifice is adorned, to the throne in the centre. On her appearance the vast assemblage rose to welcome her, a burst of enthusiastic cheering broke forth from every side - ladies waved their handkerchiefs, gentlemen their hats, and the whole scene presented was one of unusual splendour. The sun, too, for a moment emerged from the envious clouds that for some time previously had dimmed his lustre, and a flood of light pouring in through the glittering dome of the transept illuminated this imposing spectacle of loyalty. When Her Majesty ascended the throne, attended by the Royal family and the distinguished visitors of her Court, the organ of Messrs. Gray and Davison pealed forth the notes of the National Anthem, and the immense choir collected for the occasion accompanied the strain . . .

At the close of this prayer the choir joined in singing the Hallelujah Chorus and the effect of this performance may be estimated from the fact that the Chapel Royal, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and St. George's Chapel, Windsor, contributed their entire vocal strength, while there were also present pupils of the Royal Academy of Music . . . and the assembled multitudes, their feelings already elevated by the grandeur of the spectacle before them, listened with becoming reverence to the triumphant music of the great German composer.

Down to earth

From Mr Malcolm H. McLachlan

Sir, On a recent flight from New York to Bermuda on an American airline, I appeared to be the only passenger disconcerted when, as we were taxiing for take-off, the captain's voice was heard to announce: "Will all passengers please re-check that their seat belts are safely fastened, as we shall be in the air momentarily"

Fortunately, his command of the aeroplane exceeded that of the English language and we reached our destination safely.

Yours truly,
MALCOLM H. McLACHLAN,
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Hamilton 5,
Bermuda.
April 22.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 1: His Excellency Mr Roy McMurtry was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

Mrs McMurtry had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr J. M. O. Snodgrass (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Sofia) and Mrs Snodgrass had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency U Myo Aung and Madame Aung were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the Court of St James's.

The Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Mulroney had the honour of being invited to luncheon with Her Majesty.

The Queen, Patron, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening presented the Annual Awards of the Royal Aero Club at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Her Majesty was received by the Chairman of the Club (Mr Beverly Snook).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace today for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness chaired a meeting of the Award Scheme Trustees at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 1: The Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Mulroney today had the honour of being received by the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, will be in the chair at a council meeting at Buckingham Palace on May 15.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Tyne and Wear on May 21.

The Prince of Wales, vice-patron, British Council, will attend a reception given by the council at the Guildhall, Newcastle upon Tyne on May 21.

The Prince of Wales, president, Wildfowl Trust, will attend the annual meeting at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire on May 30.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Isle of Wight on May 30.

The President of the Republic of Ireland is 62 today.

A memorial service for Major-General A. J. Dyball will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at 11 today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Elise Scott-Barrett will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, SW1, on Friday, May 10, at noon.

The Emir of Qatar will pay a state visit to the United Kingdom from November 12-15.

Marriages

Mr A. T. Borthwick and Miss P. J. Lanning

The marriage took place on April 30 in London of Mr Antony Borthwick, eldest son of Sir John Borthwick, Bt, and the late Lady Brinton and Miss Jenny Lanning, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs George Lanning.

Mr M. Marcou and Miss C. Fields

The marriage took place on March 30, in the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, London, between Mr Manuel Marcou and Miss Cathy Fields.

Mr P. H. de Rougemont and Miss R. A. Neville-Smith

The marriage took place on May 1 at St Giles' Cripplegate, London, between Mr Peter Henry de Rougemont, of Lamberhurst, Kent, and Miss Rosemary Antoinette Neville-Smith, of Barbican, London, and Albufeira, Portugal. The Rev Edward Rogers officiated, assisted by Father Christopher Cunningham.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Dr C. J. Vaughan was attended by Dr Luisa Castilho. Mr Nigel Grigson was best man.

Mr J. R. Sclater and Miss G. E. C. Dawson

The marriage took place on April 25 at All Hallows by the Tower of Mr John Sclater, of Sutton Hall, Barcombe, Sussex, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Sclater, and Miss Grizel Elizabeth Catherine Dawson, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H. V. Dawson, of Weston Hall, near Otley, Yorkshire.

Mr A. M. Watson and Mrs J. P. Hanson-Lawson

The marriage has taken place in Sydney, Australia, between Mr Mel Watson, of 2b Tarrant Avenue, Bellevue Hill, N.S.W. 2023, and Mrs Patience Hanson-Lawson, widow of John G. Hanson-Lawson, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr J. P. Watson and Miss M. K. Graham

The marriage took place on April 18, 1985, in St Matthew's Church, Perth, Australia, of Mr Jeremy Peter Watson, younger son of Major and Mrs P. D. Watson, of Tunbridge Wells, and Miss Merrilyn Kaye Graham, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Graham, of Nedlands, Perth.

Latest wills

Mr Henry James Sier, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £564,532 net. After personal bequests he left the residue equally between the RNLI, RNIB, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Dr Barnardo's, Salvation Army, Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, Chest and Heart Association, Royal British Legion, Spastics Society, Cripplecraft, London Association for the Blind and the Muscular Dystrophy Group.

Bucks, Mr Michael, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire £408,219

Divers, Mr John Osborn, of Petersfield, Hampshire £498,286

Gemmill, Mrs Margaret Constance, of Ongar, Essex £1,203,988

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: **Lord Justice Griffiths** to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, to be Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, in succession to Sir Robert Megarry, who will be retiring on June 1.

Mr H. **Knorpel**, Solicitor to the Department of Health and Social Security, to be one of the Speaker's counsel, in succession to Mr T. R. F. Skemp, QC, who will be retiring

Mr J. St L. **Brockman** to succeed Mr Knorpel as Solicitor to the DHSS from October 1.

Mr **Robbie Thomas**, vice-chairman and editorial director of North Wales Newspapers, to be President of the Newspaper Society.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Lowe and Miss S. Jones

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs L. F. Lowe, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Jones, of Lindfield, West Sussex.

Mr R. Percival and Miss V. Goulandris

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Percival, of Berrick Salome, Oxfordshire, and Violando (Mo), daughter of Mr and Mrs John Basil Goulandris, of Andros, Greece.

Mr N. M. Prest and Miss A. J. E. Neal

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Professor A. R. Prest and of Mrs Prest, and Anthea, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Stewart Neal.

Mr K. D. Robinson and Miss L. Chase

The engagement is announced between Kelvin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dale Robinson, of Filde Hall, Little Bentley, Essex, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Chase, of Pasadena, California.

Mr M. J. de Rusett and Miss E. C. Perkins

The engagement is announced between Martin John, son of Mr and Mrs John de Rusett, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Emily Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Perkins, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr M. J. Vallance and Miss A. Green

The engagement is announced between Matthew John, third son of Mr and Mrs E. R. Vallance, of Chudleigh Knighton, Devon, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. F. Green, of Ashton, near Exeter, Devon.

Mr S. R. Shane and Miss C. L. Frey

The engagement is announced between Simon Shane, of Rockmoor, Smith's Parish, Bermuda, and Cheyl Frey, of Manhattan, New York, United States.

Mr A. D. M. Wallace and Miss R. A. F. Murgatroyd

The engagement is announced between Alexander Duncan Mackintosh Wallace and Rebecca Ann Frances Murgatroyd, both of 16 Royal Circus, Edinburgh.

Mr R. P. Yates and Miss K. P. Gibbons

The engagement is announced between Roger, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Yates, of Warrington, Cheshire, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Gibbons, of Abinger, Surrey.

Mr T. J. Allchurch and Miss S. M. Kelly

The engagement is announced between Toby, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Allchurch, of Redditch, Worcestershire, and Siobhan, elder daughter of the late Mr Anthony Kelly and Mrs Heather Kelly, of Cambridge.

Mr M. J. Barclay and Miss L. M. Howard Taylor

The engagement is announced between Maurice James, youngest son of Captain C. G. E. Barclay and the late Mrs Laura Barclay, of Brent Pelham Hall, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and Lucy Mary, younger daughter of Major H. C. Howard Taylor and the late Mrs Rosemary Howard Taylor, of Water Mill, Nedging, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr A. J. Carpenter and Miss K. E. Flowerdew

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr P. M. Carpenter and the late Mrs V. A. Carpenter, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Karon, daughter of Dr and Mrs G. D. Flowerdew, of Newstead Abbey Park, Nottinghamshire.

Mr T. P. M. T. Chaize and Miss N. E. Joy

The engagement is announced between Tristan, elder son of M and Mme Paul Chaize, of La Maddalena, Sardinia, and Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Libby, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. L. Joy, of Marclands, Bentley, Hampshire.

Mr N. M. S. Dale-Harris and Miss P. J. Lysaght

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr T. I. Dale-Harris, of Milson Road, London, W14, and Mrs J. F. Allday, of Tretire, Herefordshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of the late Major N. H. L. Lysaght, TD, DL, and of Mrs G. M. Lysaght, of Hafod, Pontbir, Gwent.

Mr A. Griffiths and Miss N. Godman

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Griffiths, of Hailey Manor, Witney, Oxfordshire, and Nichola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Godman, of Great Rissington Manor, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr S. Kearns and Miss C. M. Bradford

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs B. Kearns, of Pett, Sussex, and Clare, daughter of Mrs J. O. Bradford and the late M. A. J. Bradford, of Grays, Essex.

Mr D. J. Owens and Miss V. F. M. Freeman

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in October between David, only son of Mr F. G. Owens, OBE, and of Mrs Owens, of Boduel, Truro, Cornwall, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Freeman, of The Old House, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.



Moura Lympany, the concert pianist, at rehearsals yesterday for the anniversary concert at the Wigmore Hall, London, today, 50 years to the day after she made her concert debut, aged 18, at the same hall (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Luncheons

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic.

Lunchtime Comment Club

Mr Michael Manser, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr Gordon C. Stroud, chairman, presided.

Bain and Co

The Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, MP, was the guest of honour at luncheon at the offices of Bain and Company, 14/15 Fitzhardinge Street, W1, yesterday. The hosts were the company's president, Mr William Bain, of Boston, Massachusetts, Mr John Theroux, managing partner for Britain and Europe, and Sir Jack Lyons, director of Bain Capital. The guests included:

Lord Denman, Sir Anthony Part, Mr Peter Barton, Mr John Beckett, Mr Alex Bernstein, Mr Kenneth Bishop, Mr Dennis Carey, Mr Scott Dobbie, Mr Philip Evans, Mr Ian Fisher, Mr Jon Foulds, Mr Tony Gill, Mr George Guise, Mr Philip Harris, Mr David Heare, Mr Timothy Holland-Bosworth, Dr Hans Iger, Mr John Lusden, Mr Robert Maxwell, Mr Ian Maxwell, Mr Derek Pretty, Mr John Raisman, Mr Olivier Roux, Mr Ernest Saunders and Mr Sidney Spiro.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday. Those present were:

Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, and Mrs Baker, Mr Bruce Millan, MP, Mr Robert Banks, MP, and Mrs Banks, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, and Mrs Bruce, Mr John Carlisle, MP, and Mrs Carlisle, Mr Harry Cowans, MP, and Mrs Cowans, Viscount Cranborne, MP, and Viscountess Cranborne.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, MP, and Mrs Fairbairn, Sir John Eden, MP, and Lady Parr, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel-Jones, Mr William Hamilton, MP, and Mrs Hamilton, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, and Lady Johnson Smith, Mr David Stumberg, MP, and Mrs Stumberg, Mr Edward Taylor, MP, and Mrs Taylor, Mr Thomas Torney, MP, and Mrs Torney, the Hon Lady Berry and the Rev Dr and Mrs Raymond Brown.

Association of British Chambers of Commerce

Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, was the guest of the Economic and Industrial Committee of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, at dinner at the Café Royal. Mr R. T. S. Macpherson, Chairman of the Committee, presided.

Federation of British Engineers Tool Manufacturers

Mr Ian Runciman presided at the annual dinner of the Federation of British Engineers Tool Manufacturers held at the Savoy Hotel last night and proposed the toast to the guests. Mr J. Garnett replied on their behalf. Other principal guests included Mr P. D. Clarkson, Mr K. C. Hopkins, Mr F. R. Mingay, Sir Monty Finniston, Mr E. N. Addison, Dr W. Rizk and Mr J. J. Harvey.

Newspaper Society

The annual dinner of the Newspaper Society was held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Tim Morris, president, accompanied by Mrs Morris, was in the chair and Mr Leslie Thomas was the principal guest. Among those present were:

The Duke of Atholl, Lord Biffe, the Hon Sir Richard and Lady Storey, Sir Alex and Lady Jarratt, Mrs Leslie Thomas, Mr and Mrs D R Thomas, Mr and Dr D Nisbet-Smith, Mr and Mrs D B Anderson, Mr and Mrs K Whitson, Mr and Mrs R Bidley-Thomas, Mr and Mrs J V Addison, Mr and Mrs T Austin, Mr and Mrs Stanley Clarke, Mr and Mrs J E C Dicks and Canon and Mrs John Oates.

British Medical Association

The President of the BMA, Sir Douglas Black, gave a dinner at BMA House yesterday to presidents, vice-presidents, and deans of royal colleges and faculties.

Inner Temple

The Treasurer, His Honour Sir William Stabb, QC, and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the following guests at dinner last night being the Grand Day of Easter Term:

The Duke of Grafton, the Earl of Mansfield, the Right Rev Dr G E Reindorp, Lord Windlesham, Lord Goodman, CH, Mr Francis Pym, MP, Mrs Justice Heilbron, Treasurer, Gray's Inn, Mr Justice Warner, Treasurer, Lincoln's Inn, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Sir Richard Eyre, Sir William Heseltine.

Sir Roger Bannister, Lady Stabb, Rear-Admiral R B Hoxton, Mr David Attenborough, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mr John Mills, QC, Treasurer, Middle Temple, Mr Richard Baker, Mr Cliff Morgan, Mrs Robert Runcie, Mr John C Shepherd and Captain Patrick Sheehan, RN (sub-treasurer).

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

At a livery dinner in Stationers' Hall last night, the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers celebrated the anniversary of the granting of their charter by entertaining representatives of the Trades of the Guild. The Master, Mr Laurence Viney, presided, and the toast of the guests was proposed by the Under Warden, Mr Allen Thompson, to which Mr Gordon Graham, President of the Publishers' Association, replied. The Masters of the Carmen's, Founders', Marketors', Musicians' and Wax Chandlers' companies were also present.

Pensions Management Institute

Prince Michael of Kent proposed the toast to the Pensions Management Institute at a dinner held yesterday at Glaziers' Hall. The President, Mr H. Gracey, proposed the toast to the guests and Mr Justice Nicholls replied on their behalf.

Leicestershire Lieutenancy

The Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and the Deputy Lieutenants entertained the Lord-Lieutenant, Colonel R. A. St G. Martin, and Mrs Martin at dinner last evening, to mark Colonel Martin's 20 years as Lord-Lieutenant.

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

The Master and Fellows of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge gave a dinner on April 19 to mark the launch of the college appeal. The honorary fellows and guests attending included:

Mr Edmund Dell, Chairman of the National Committee of the Appeal and Mrs Dell, the Bishop of Ely and Mrs Walker, Dr and Mrs Cesar Lattes, Mr and Mrs Sam Toy, Sir John and Lady Williams, Professor Anne Beloff-Chain, Mr Humphrey Burton, Lieutenant-General Sir ... Johns and Lady Chapple, Mr and Mrs R A Clark, Mr and Mrs R L Cateby, Mr Henry Conyers, Mr J O Creasey, Mr A J H Dorrington, Dr Stephen Fleck, Mr Jonathan Freegard, Dr and Mrs Jeremy Garhard, Mr and Mrs Peter Hancock, Dr and Mrs G M P Johnson, Dr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr and Mrs J E O Mayne, Dame Rosemary Murray, Dr Ian Nicol and Baroness Nicol, Mrs Gwynne Oakley-Smith, Mr and Mrs Ian Paterson, Sir Daniel and Lady Peith, Mr and Mrs Watson Reynolds, Mr J A Stanley, Miss Mary Thatcher and Mr W W Williams.

Soirée

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council

The Chairman of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council, Mr Richard Ryder, and officers of the council gave a soirée yesterday at 100 Park Lane (by courtesy of Mr Sydney Mason) as a tribute to their president, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lady Howe. The guests were received by Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe, Mr and Mrs Richard Ryder and Mrs Edward de la Motte, honorary secretary.

Memorial service

Major-General J. M. D. Ward-Harrison

A memorial service for Major-General John Ward-Harrison was held on Tuesday in York Minster. The Dean of York officiated. The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, the Marquess of Normanby, High Steward of York Minster, and the Rev Christopher Elliot-Newman read the lessons. The congregation included:

Mrs Ward-Harrison (widow), Sir Ian and Lady Dundas (Marshall of Sheat son-in-law and daughter), Somerled and Deborah Macmillan (grandchildren), Mrs N Fyffe (sister), Mary Lady Beerlie Macdonald of Sleat, Miss D Oakes, Mrs Alec Stewart.

The Duke and Duchess of Leeds, the Earl and Countess of Halifax, Ruth, Countess of Halifax (representing the Middleton Hunt), the Earl of Scarbrough, Lord and Lady Marian Fitzalan-Howard, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord and Lady Simon of Glaisdale, Lord and Lady MacAndrew, Lord and Lady Middleton, Brigadier Ian and Lady Susan Watson, Lady Alexandra Bewicke, Brigadier the Hon R G and Mrs Hamilton-Russell, the Hon Mrs Angela Harter, Sir Marcus and the Hon Lady Worsley, Sir William Aykroyd, Lieutenant-General Sir Rollo and Lady Pain, General Sir Cecil and Lady Blacker, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward and Lady Howard-Vyse, Lady Bryan.

The High Steward of North Yorkshire and Mrs Barrow, Brigadier Allan Findlay (representing the Colonel, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards) and Mrs Findlay, Major-General Henry Woods (representing the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Regimental Association) and Mrs Woods, Mr Michael Foster (representing Thirsk Racecourse), Major B L Strachan (representing 10th Hussars) and Mrs Strachan, Brigadier Patrick Brocklebank (representing the Director, Royal Armoured Corps) and Mrs Brocklebank, Captain Clarence-Williams (representing the Royal Navy) and Mrs Garnons-Williams, Commander G M Vaughan-Hughes (representing the Army and Navy Club) and Mrs Vaughan-Hughes, Major T M Lyons (representing 40th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery), Mr P A and Lady Jane Scholes.

Mr John and Lady Caroline Barnett (representing Regent Colonel J A M and Lady Katherine Phillips, Mr R B Howard-Vyse, Colonel Piers Bridgeman, Major-General and Mrs P Inge, Brigadier and Mrs Brocklebank, Brigadier K Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs James Legard, Colonel and Mrs Kit Garthwaite, Mr and Mrs Christopher York, Mrs Alastair Graham, Mr P A Womersley, Mr R B Howard-Vyse, Mrs J E Sweetenham, Mrs Christopher Mordaunt, and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Hodgson.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 67; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, 61; Brigadier F. C. Curtis, 87; Instructor Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, 81; Mr Alastair Forbes, 67; Mr Peter Foster, 66; Sir Campbell Fraser, 62; Brigadier E. L. G. Griffith-Williams, 91; Mr Henry Hall, 87; Sir James Hamilton, 62; Colonel Sir Denys Hicks, 77; Professor R. W. K. Honeycombe, 64; Mr Clive Jenkins, 59; Mr Michael Kaser, 59; Mr Malcolm Lipkin, 53; Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, 95; the Duke of Montrose, 78; Mr John Neville, 60; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, 59; Mr Satyajit Ray, 64; Sir Ronald Sinclair, 82; Dame Nancy Snagge, 79; Dr Benjamin Spock, 82; Sir Frederick A. Warner, 67; Mr Justice Woolf, 52.

Company of Master Mariners

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Master Mariners to hold office for one year: Master: Captain C. F. Vine, RNR; Senior Warden: Captain P. D. F. Cruickshank; and, to hold office for two years: Wardens: Captain J. S. Allen, Lieutenant-Commander J. H. Baxter, RNR, Captain J. E. Bury, Commander D. B. Cairns, RNR, Captain R. Clipsham, Captain A. C. Davies, Captain P. F. Mason, Captain G. W. S. Miskin, Commander H. E. Morison, RNR, Captain A. D. Munro, Captain N. W. C. Rutherford, RNR.

Ratcliffian Association

The annual reunion of the Ratcliffian Association will take place at Ratcliffe College on May 18 and 19 and special emphasis this year is being placed on the return of those who attended Ratcliffe between 1939 and 1949. The annual meeting of the association will be held on Saturday, May 18 followed by the annual dinner. The toast to the association will be proposed by Mr Gordon Reece. The grand match will take place on Sunday, May 19.

Double victory

Two British teams finished first and second in the Cesme international bridge congress organized by the Turkish Bridge Federation at Cesme. Two members of the British party also won the pairs event.

Pairs championship:
1, A R Forrester, R S Brock (GB); 2, Mr and Mrs Ozal (Turkey).

Teams championship: 1, D Parry, D F Huppett, D A L Burn, U Durmus (GB) 112; 2, A R Forrester, R S Brock, K E Stanley, R Senkal (GB) 110; 3, M Ozelli, M Sirkilioglu, N Kubat, S Aytekin (Turkey) 94.

Armourers and Brasiers' Company

The following have been elected officers to the Armourers and Brasiers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master: Dr Robert M. S. Perrin; Upper Warden: Lieutenant-Commander Richard J. Pitt; Renter Warden: Mr E. Josselyn R. Hill.

Harrogate College

Harrogate College reopened yesterday for the summer term. Susan Caton is head of school. The commemoration service, at 7.00pm on May 24, will be taken by the Very Rev Christopher Campling, Dean of Ripon. Sports and open day will be on Friday, June 28, followed by prize giving in the Royal Hall, Harrogate, in the evening, when the guest speaker will be Mrs Joanna Kennedy, an engineer with Ove Arup & Partners. The Harrogate College Union of former pupils hold their reunion at the school on May 11. Term ends on July 17 and half-term is from May 25 to June 2.

Judge retires

Judge Sir William Stabb, QC, retired from the circuit bench on the South Eastern Circuit as the senior official referee yesterday. Judge Hawser, QC, will become the senior official referee.

Science report

Thrombosis drug's success in treating skin cancer

By Dorothy Bonn

A drug that prevents thrombosis is now showing promise for the treatment of melanoma, a highly malignant skin cancer. The treatment has been devised by a team working with Dr Ellen Rhodes at the St Heller and Kingston Hospital Group in Surrey. They have treated 39 patients with deeply invasive melanomas by a combination of surgery and administrations of the antithrombotic drug, dipyridamole. Thirty of the patients (77 per cent) have survived five years or more, compared with 32 per cent reported for patients treated by surgery alone.

Treatment with dipyridamole was prescribed from diagnosis, in order to prevent any spread to form a secondary melanomas that might be in progress or that might be triggered by surgery.

Melanomas are black or dark brown tumours often less than one centimetre in diameter, and to the untrained eye many look like ordinary moles. The tumours themselves are easily removed but any remaining melanoma cells can be rapidly dispersed in the bloodstream and even a small growth on the skin may have "seeded" secondary deposits in the lymph nodes or main organs of the body before excision. The outcome depends on several factors, one of the most important being how deeply the tumour has invaded the skin by the time it is removed.

The spread of secondary tumours begins with the attachment of tumour cells to the lining of a blood vessel, and it is this process that is inhibited by dipyridamole.

The drug's action in preventing the spread of secondary tumours appears to be similar to its anti-thrombotic activity. The formation of a blood clot also starts with the attachment of cells (in this instance blood platelets) to the vascular endothelium, and dipyridamole prevents thrombosis by reducing the stickiness of the platelet surface membrane.

Two pieces of evidence have come to light to suggest a way in which the drug might attack tumour cells. First, it seems likely that a virus plays some part in causing melanomas; and secondly, dipyridamole has been shown to have anti-viral activity as well as an anti-platelet effect. So the drug could perhaps attack tumour cells on two fronts; by preventing the cells from gaining a hold on a suitable surface and by killing the virus that causes tumour growth.

Mice injected with dipyridamole produce the antiviral agent interferon. That interferon-inducing capacity might account for the drug's strong action against a number of different viruses tested.

In England and Wales the incidence of melanoma is about six cases per 100,000 population each year, and fair-skinned people are at higher risk than those with dark skin. Melanoma is more common in sunny climates that in cool dull ones, and exposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun is probably an important causative factor.

The incidence of the disease is rising throughout the world, with the increasing popularity of sunbathing. It has also been suggested that exposure to flourescent lights has contributed to the rising incidence.

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OBITUARY

SIR MAX AITKEN

Leading newspaper publisher

Sir Max Aitken, Bt, DSO, DFC, who died on April 30, aged 75, was chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers from 1968 to 1977 and for many years a prominent figure in the political and social worlds.

As the son of Lord Beaverbrook he was born the heir to great wealth, but also had to live for many years in the shadow of a domineering, brilliant father, who was always reluctant to believe his son capable of succeeding him. It was to Max Aitken's credit that, while lacking the daemonic qualities of Beaverbrook, he was able to be his own man.

John William Maxwell Aitken was born in Montreal on February 15, 1910. At that time his father was in the process of moving from Canada and big business to London, where he plunged into politics. Max was educated at Westminster and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he became a soccer blue and a scratch golfer.

He then went into newspapers, beginning in the composing room. By then his father had become one of the most dynamic of British newspaper proprietors, and the young Aitken was at some pains to avoid being totally dominated by him. He had his own rising career as an executive, but he was powerfully drawn to the bright lights of the West End and was determined not to allow his own style to be cramped.

An elaborate conspiracy grew up, therefore, involving highly respectable executives, and designed to enable his social proclivities to escape detection. On one occasion Aitken, supposedly in Glasgow, conducted a telephone conversation with his father in Stornoway House, St James's, from a night club in Mayfair.

When the Second World War broke out, Aitken was already a pilot in 601 Squadron, one of the crack squadrons of the RAF, mostly recruited from White's Club, which he had joined in 1935. His reputation stood high, and increased during hostilities. Aitken emerged from the Battle of Britain with a record of 16½ sorties and from the war with a tally of 16 German aircraft shot down.

He commanded a night fighter squadron in 1941-42, and from 1943 commanded the Strike Mosquito Wing, Norwegian Waters. He won the DSO and DFC, and reached the rank of group captain. By the end of the war he had established a position for himself independent of his father's money.

He did not cease, however, to be under his father's influence. It was this that led to his entry into politics, and becoming Conservative MP for Holborn in 1945. But parliamentary routine, especially the late sittings, bored him, and so when the Holborn constituency was merged into another in 1950 Aitken bowed out of politics.

From then on he took on more and more of the running of the newspaper empire his father had created, and showed himself ready to use his own independent judgement. This showed in the Suez crisis in 1956. When Eden had become Prime Minister, Churchill had been Beaverbrook and persuaded him to support the new government. For Beaverbrook, this was a complete reversal of policy.

But at the time of Suez Beaverbrook was in the Caribbean, ill, and sent his son a message telling him to attack Eden's policy. Aitken took the view that this would involve a second volte-face, and was impossible. So the *Daily Express* published a leading article supporting Eden.

Similarly at the time of the Cuban missiles crisis in 1962 Aitken, without the opportunity to consult his father, committed the *Express* to a pro-American, pro-Kennedy line. Later on, it seemed an easy decision to have taken. But at the time it seemed audacious.

It was nevertheless many years before Aitken, acting with composure, forbearance and craft, was able to shake Beaverbrook's conviction that he was a playboy – an opinion that persisted until Aitken was in his 50s.

One of Aitken's main passions – which Beaverbrook found hard to criticize, and so resented all the more – was for yachting. For hours at a time Aitken would be at sea and out of touch by telephone. But he became one of the leading ocean-racing skippers in the world. In 1963 he was a member of the winning British team in the Admiral's Cup, and he only lost the 1969 Fastnet race through a highly contentious protest.

Aitken also, in the face of his father's disapproval, launched the Boat Show, and built it up into the most prestigious event of its kind anywhere; and in his own way brought a new style and excitement to Cowes, where he entertained royalty and visiting ocean-racing crews. It was his initiative which created off-shore powerboat racing in Europe, led by the Cowes-Torquay race in which he himself competed for 10 years.

On land, he was a prime mover in promoting British motor racing after the war by establishing the sport at Silverstone.

Beaverbrook died in 1964 and Aitken renounced his claim to the barony, though he retained his father's baronetcy. He could hardly hope to have his father's impact on the Beaverbrook empire, and in any case the *Daily Express* was on the verge of a steady decline in its fortunes, with circulation dropping from its peak of over four million.

Beaverbrook himself had steadfastly blocked all efforts to diversify the organization's interests and so provide a cushion against such financial strains; he had dealt his son an all but unplayable hand. March, 1974, saw the closure of the *Scottish Daily Express* and the *Scottish Sunday Express*. Against a background of still-falling circulation and evidence that the *Daily Express* was being sold to an increasingly ageing readership, and in the hope perhaps of emulating the success of the *Daily Mail*'s conversion in 1971, the paper was eventually relaunched as a tabloid in January, 1977.

But Beaverbrook Newspapers continued to sustain losses, and the prospect of a larger Beaverbrook/Associated Newspapers merger – which might have secured the futures of both by creating the strongest publishing group in Britain – also faded, even though the two principals had shaken hands on a deal in 1972.

At one point such figures as Sir James Goldsmith and Mr Tiny Rowlands both stood poised in the wings as potential saviours. But in the end it was a bid from Trafalgar House which was decisive. In July, 1977, Mr Victor Matthews, as he then was, Trafalgar House's managing director, succeeded Aitken as chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers.

Aitken was already a sick man during the fateful negotiations, and could not be held wholly responsible for the final outcome. He stayed on as life president, but the abandonment early in 1978 of the name Beaverbrook and the reversion to the title of Express Newspapers set a seal on an epoch.

Though not active in party politics after 1950, Aitken had maintained a keen day-to-day interest in them. In 1968 he went three times to Salisbury to see if a Rhodesian settlement could be negotiated. The origin of this remarkable mission was a statement by Mr Ian Smith, whom he had known during the war in the RAF: "Max Aitken is the only person in Britain I can trust".

Hearing of this, Mr Harold Wilson called Aitken to Downing Street in the middle of Cowes Week, and asked him to make the journey. It was no fault of Aitken's that these efforts did not lead to a settlement.

Aitken was married three times: to Cynthia Monteith in 1939 (marriage dissolved in 1944); to Mrs Jane Lindsay in 1946 (marriage dissolved in 1950); and to Violet de Trafford in 1951. There were two daughters of the second marriage, and a son and a daughter of the third. His son, the Hon Maxwell William Humphrey Aitken, succeeds him.

MIKE SANGSTER

Mike Sangster, who collapsed and died yesterday aged 44, was Britain's most prominent male tennis player since the era of Fred Perry before the Second World War.

He played and won more Davis Cup matches than any other British player. He was also the first since Perry to reach the semi-finals of the three great championships: those of Wimbledon and the United States (1961) and France (1963).

From 1960 to 1968 Sangster's win-loss record in the Davis Cup competition was 29-19 in singles and 14-3 in doubles. From 1962 to 1966 his record in the European Indoor championship for the King's Cup was 12-2 in singles and 7-2 in doubles.

In both these team events the strong-armed Sangster formed a successful doubles partnership with that versatile shot-maker, Bobby Wilson. Their record was 11-3 in the Davis Cup and 7-1 in the King's Cup.

Sangster was a tall, handsome, powerfully built man who dressed well and seemed type cast for heroic roles in one sport or another. He played football for Torquay United as an amateur and was offered a contract by West Ham United.

In tennis he was renowned for his service, which was generally regarded as the fastest in the game, and for the boldness of his ground strokes.

He reached the heights while still young, partly because an Australian coach, George Worthington, understood him and knew how to get the best out of him.

On court he could be intense, broody, at times almost neurotic – prone to suspect that the forces of darkness were working against him.

He was an orderly man himself and sought order and constancy in all things. He would sometimes walk back to his chair after changing ends because he had noticed – or thought he had noticed – that his neatly folded towel was a fraction of an inch short of symmetry.

Sangster retired prematurely (just too soon to benefit from the new era of open competition), partly because of a variety of problems with his racket arm and partly because he seemed to lose some of his zest and competitive confidence after Worthington's death in December 1964.

Thereafter, he had a sports shop at Torquay.

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Euphoria on the way to Europe

From Richard Wigg in Madrid

Everything of importance in Spain's foreign policy has *waited for years on the settling* of the question of EEC membership. Without a new and permanent relationship with Europe Spain's own identity and place in the world remain uncertain.

Spain's problems all require solutions involving Europe. Señor Fernando Morán, the Foreign Minister, wrote in a book he published when in opposition in 1980. But he added, with characteristic subtlety: "This is not to say that the integration into Europe, and participating in its construction, are going to resolve all Spanish dilemmas."

In the euphoria provoked in late March by agreement on the framework of EEC entry conditions Señor Morán, whose patient negotiation in Brussels has made entry by next January a near-certainty, observed that Spain had spent seven centuries giving proof of its European identity while expelling the Moors.

The "dilemmas" of Spanish history, rooted in its geography, explain why Madrid's reactions to EEC entry have in recent weeks had so little to do with economics and so much with history and the national psychology.

If it cannot solve all of Spain's dilemmas, entry, Señor Morán argued in *A Foreign Policy for Spain*, would do *something fundamental: anchor* and reinforce the rational, modernizing, democratic elements in a more stable Spanish society.

Something of a signpost to the Socialist government's two-year negotiating effort, that book made three other main points. First, that joining was connected with a certain vision of Spain, not an accountant's sector-by-sector analysis of losses and gains. Second, no real alternative to joining existed; the 1970 agreement which granted tariff concessions to exports to the community while leaving import tariffs substantially intact, would not continue if the entry negotiations ended in failure. Third, France was Spain's "indispensable interlocutor" for gaining entry.

In one way a better deal than expected

In an almost forgotten speech in 1957 Franco signalled the end of his regime's futile battle for economic autarky with the words: "We must now go out and fight in the Common Market." In 1962 the regime actually sought full integration with the EEC, but despite formal negotiations beginning in July 1977, one month after the country's first free general elections in 40 years, agreement had proved elusive.

The all-but-final entry terms have produced for Spain a better than expected deal in fishing, especially when it is remembered that EEC policy was originally devised, in part, to ward off a future Spanish challenge.

With eight successive reduction of tariff barriers during the seven-year transitional period after accession, industry stands publicly committed to the deal by the Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organizations (CEOE). Spanish agriculture, notably lacking the trade-off much sought by Madrid and obliged to accept a transitional period which is three years longer than industry, faces the biggest changes.

The powerful citrus fruit exporters did not succeed in imposing their will on Señor Morán's negotiators in the short term. But the longer prospects in EEC markets look assured for Spain's competitive, modern and aggressive citrus fruit growers.

The low-productivity, high-cost small Spanish farmers, symbolized by the northern coastal belt dairymen, face a much more doubtful future, whatever the palliatives against competition devised for the transition period.

The euphoria in Spain and the welcoming noises from the capitals of the Ten notwithstanding, adoption will be difficult. Popular disenchantment will probably start with the introduction of value added tax.

There is little apparent logic in the argument that Spain and Portugal will be among the keenest advocates of greater European union in view of the burdens both bear of a fierce and suspicious nationalism exacerbated by previous authoritarian regimes.

The danger has been increased of a "two-speed" Europe, or one where the important decisions are taken by the powerful few. So has, greatly, the range of regional inequalities.

In spite of the high profile maintained by Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, throughout the entry negotiations, Señor Morán, a 59-year-old professional diplomat, novelist and veteran Socialist, seems assured a place in history as "the man who got Spain into Europe".

EEC membership also forms part of the ruling Socialist Party's grand design to win the next elections. As the negotiations dragged on, the government publicly conceded the link between joining the government and remaining in Nato, which is the central element in relations with the United States.

Señor González told parliament last October that he had come round to the view that Spain must stay in Nato's political organization but need not remain in its military structures. With this he wrung endorsement from the party congress last December but still has to fulfil the promise to obtain approval from the Spanish people by a referendum.

The government's initial relations with Washington went surprisingly smoothly, with the Americans preferring to see Señor González and his team as "young nationalists".

Señor González ceded a lot of ground to the Reagan Administration over Central America, where he identified naturally with Nicaragua. Although President Reagan is to visit Spain this month relations have become tense recently, Señor González insisting that nuclear weapons will not be allowed on Spanish soil and resisting joining CoCom, even though Spain belongs to Nato.

The promised referendum is inevitably another strain, seen by Washington as setting a dangerous precedent within Nato and yet requiring extreme restraint by the Americans if they are not to play straight into the hands of the Spanish communists and the anti-Nato left.

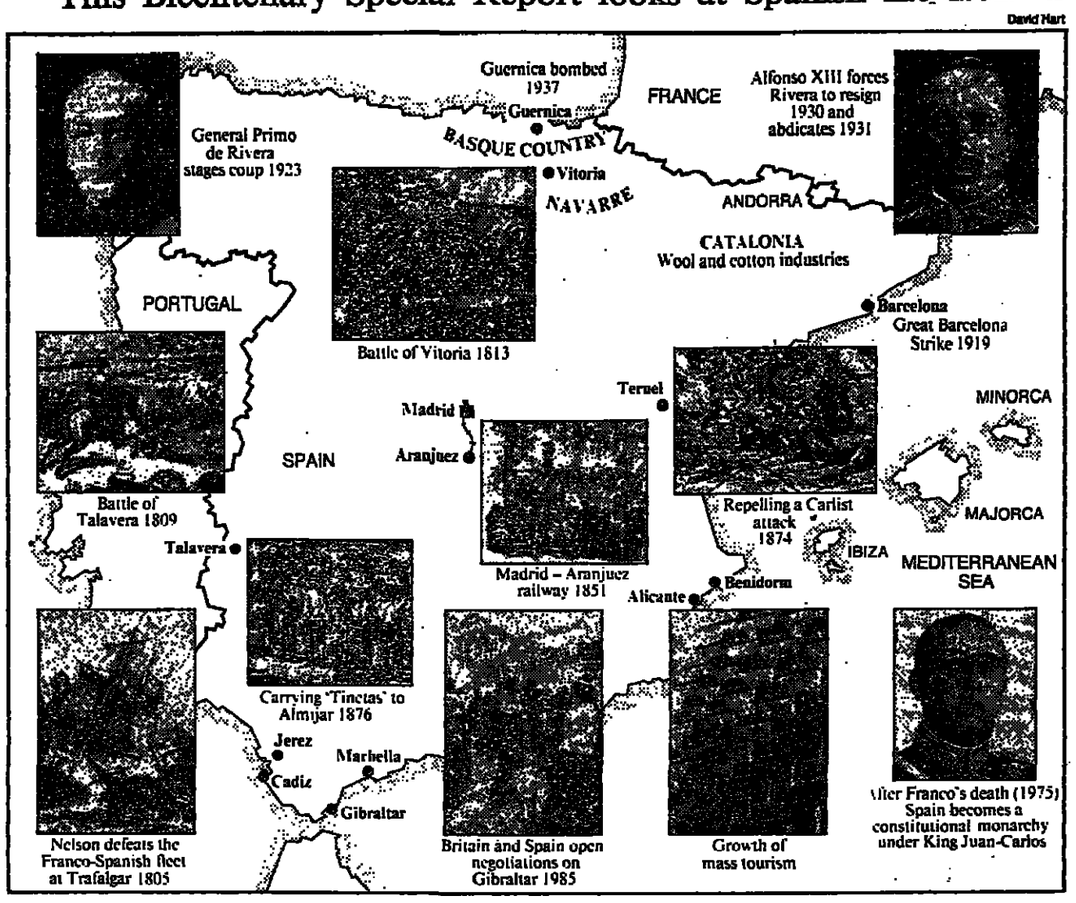
Spain's "special relationship" with Latin America is supposed to come into better focus by joining the EEC, though many Latin American governments have strong reservations about it. France and West Germany already have much stronger economic interests in that continent than Spain. North Africa now is a more important customer for Spanish businessmen.

Nowhere perhaps have the constraints of office been more obvious than towards North Africa. Señor Morán has passed from a detestation of King Hassan II of Morocco to insisting that the present régimes in North Africa must be upheld against the risks of Islamic fundamentalism reaching to Spain's southern shores

Spain has tried to be even-handed between Algeria and Morocco, even after King Hassan's union with Colonel Gaddafi of Libya.

The contradicion has been maintained that Ceuta and Melilla, Spain's two colonial enclaves claimed by Morocco in North Africa, are "different", while simultaneously demanding the ending by Britain of the "last vestiges of colonialism" on the other side of the straits of Gibraltar.

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A growing political role

By Felipe González, Prime Minister of Spain

There is no logic of history which allows us to foretell the future. Studies in futurology which were so popular 15 or 20 years ago were unable to pinpoint the kind of changes we have experienced. Between now and the year 2000 we are going to see important developments in the economic and moral order of Spanish society.

It is difficult to speak of what will be the eventual shape of our economy and our system of moral values; socialist policies imply preferences about economic and social organization as much as judgements on the priorities and the timing for implementing those policies.

Spain has progressed during the past 20 years from being essentially an agricultural society to becoming one of the 10 leading industrial democracies. The principles of social equity do not, I believe, have to lead to an inefficient economy. Competitiveness, the capacity to innovate and adapt to change are necessary in any modern society.

Employment levels, peoples' living standards, the elimination of poverty, better social services, greater equality of opportunity – all typical objectives of socialist policies – depend on a successful economy.

More influence from its international role

Spain is making a substantial effort to modernize production and I hope that by the year 2000 it will have increased its international role and influence, as much economically as politically, within the European Economic Community, participating in a common effort to increase the weight of Europe on the world scene.

At the same time, because of the democratic changes which have occured in Spain, and which are taking place in Latin America, the relationship between Spain and these other countries could undergo a number of major changes over the next 15 years.

The new international role of Spain should allow it to exercise greater influence in the formation of policies governing international collaboration to combat underdevelopment, poverty and dependence, so as to promote peace and the relaxation of tension. In my view, efforts of this kind are what makes a country respected in the international community.

A government's priorities do not depend solely upon its ideological position, but also upon the political situation in which it finds itself.

In Spain, the political priority has been to construct an advanced democratic system. The Socialist government has taken fundamental steps to alter relations between civilian power and the armed forces, to reform the judicial system and to create a civil service which is more efficient and decentralized.

We are advancing step by step in the building of a young and modern democracy, which, based on the principles of equity and justice, corresponds to the characteristics of Spanish society today.

There is no model of socialist society. I believe that socialism consists of a series of policies which lead to greater social justice and to a system of rights and freedoms enjoyed by citizens without discrimination. I am thinking, for instance, of rights and liberties in the field of education and public health.

I believe that policies which extend democracy into new areas of social life are socialist policies. I have in mind

Sally Soames



industrial relations. Socialist policies must be founded on moral ideals about social relationships, on an ethic based on human rights, because it is this which assures the liberty of the individual in the fullest sense. Faced by an unequal society, socialist policies work to secure equal rights for all citizens; not that all citizens are equal, but in order to eradicate unjustified privileges.

Citizens' rights and equality of opportunity are the objectives which determine the actions of the Spanish government; first, because it it a Socialist government and, second, in order to remedy the deficiences in the welfare state – pensions, public health and education.

I believe that the identity of socialism cannot be bound by the past and I hold that too much haste and impatience harm socialist policies. In Spain's history we have paid an high price for ignoring the requirements of a gradualist approach in politics.

A country which has greater influence in the world, which is more competitive, while at the same time more humane and better educated: this is what I want Spain to be. A society in which liberty and justice are deeply rooted and which helps them put down roots elsewhere in the world.

The long road to close ties

Dr Johnson said it in the 18th century: There was no country, he thundered in one of his broad truths, less known to the rest of Europe than Spain. Almost from the day *The Times* first appeared, therefore, a promising story lay around; it took Trafalgar and the Peninsular War to send the news editors scurrying.

The Independence War – as the Spaniards, with characteristic pride, have always known it – laid the foundations for Britain's 19th-century interest in Spain politically and for catching up on what had been an important lacuna culturally.

Unlike Italy, Spain had never been on the 18th-century young English gentleman's grand tour. It was visited and written about by Englishmen in the 18th century but they were a few intrepid individualists.

There is something of abiding significance in all that. Relations and influence have moved far more easily and deeply both ways between Britain and Italy. Between Britain and Spain it has been far more a matter of a few, often brilliant, individuals fascinated by each others' countries, trying to understand and capture the others' spirit.

With no grand tour, Spain's great 17th-century painters were discovered by Europe only with the romantic era. Reynolds' *Discourses*, a guide to English late 18th-century taste in painting, do not mention Velaquez, and the Rokeby Venus, one of the first Spanish masterpieces to reach England, arrived only in 1813, thanks to a shrewd Scottish art dealer's appreciation of the opportunities opened up by the turmoil of the war.

There were also problems of mutual comprehension. In *The Bible in Spain* George Borrow looks back when he reaches Gibraltar on "that fair and majestic land" but none the less imagines the Rock looking sternly down to denounce "the crimes" which deform Spanish history. The author of the most vivid account by an Englishman of 19th-century Spain was very typical of his age: he was, after all, travelling on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He was fascinated by the country but moralizing about its history.

Some Englishmen were baffled by its people. No less a person than the Duke of Wellington once declared it was very difficult "to understand the Spaniard exactly".

Richard Ford knew well he was helping put Spain on his contemporaries' cultural map: his *Handbook for Travellers in Spain* (1845) includes much about the great painters. He called Spain "the most romantic and peculiar country of Europe", and, while relishing the Spaniards' ways, he often criticized them.

The Iron Duke owed a great deal to the Spanish guerrillas fighting the occupying, and then retreating, French armies, but he quickly despaired of preparing his battle plans with them or

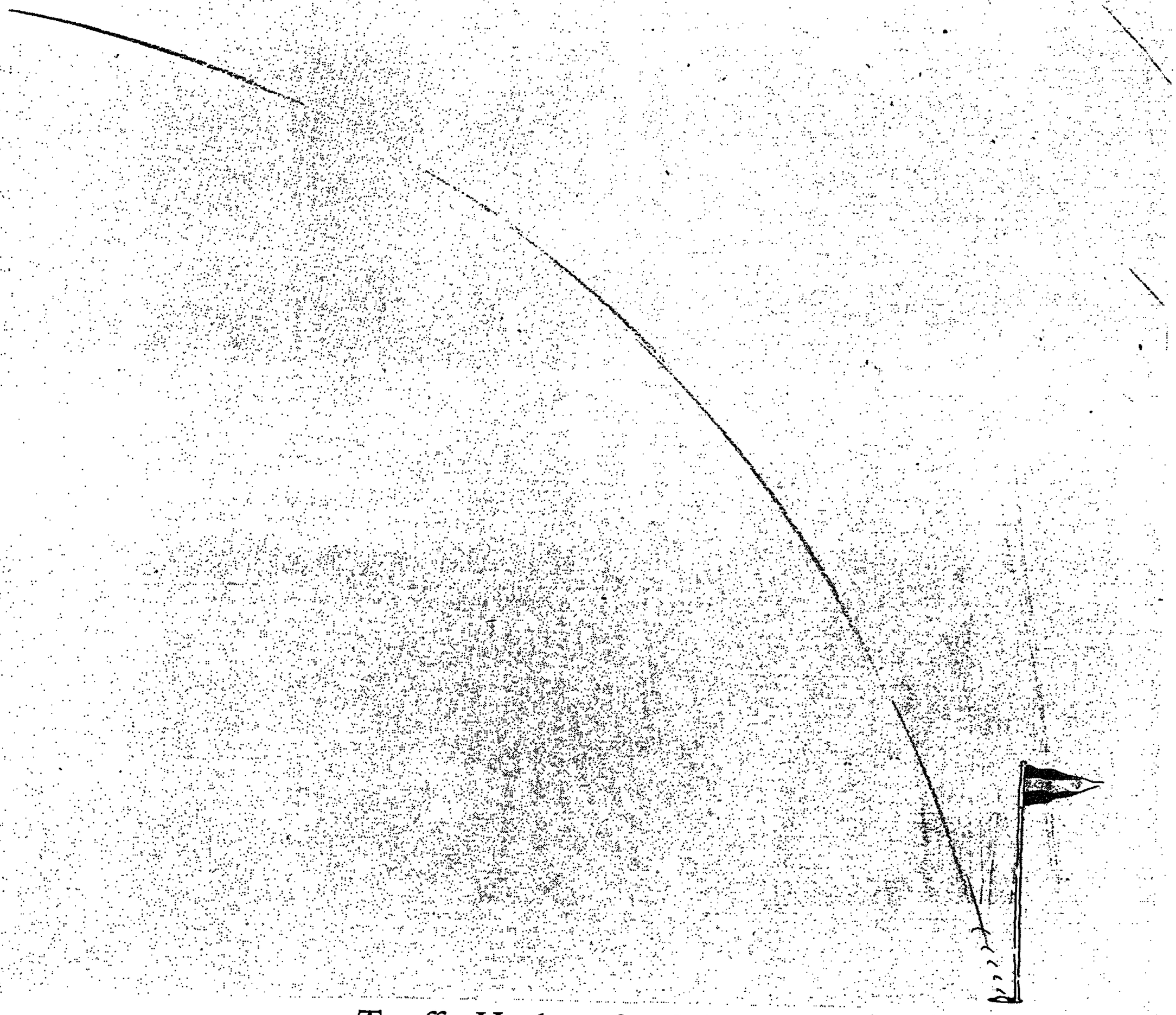
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The long road to close ties

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the Spanish generals. But the Duke also acted resolutely in Spain's favour when, manifestly losing the Peninsular War, the French canvassed restoring Ferdinand VII to the throne of a Spain which would stretch no further north than the River Ebro.

Wellington too expressed a dislike of Spanish extremism, typical of the English throughout the 19th century. He no more liked the Spanish liberals' Cadiz constitution of 1812 than Ferdinand's rejection of it when he got into the saddle.

England opposed the crushing of the constitutional monarchy by the Congress of Verona (1822), as advocated by France. England and France were to snarl at each other over Spanish affairs frequently during the century.

Juan Mendizábal, the liberal prime minister with whom Borrow had a meeting to try vainly to obtain permission to print and distribute the Bible in Spain, had come to his post after 12 years exiled in Britain. In those days the British ambassador in Madrid was a kingmaker, with the Queen Regent, Maria Christina, taking his "advice" and nominating Mendizábal.

A reactionary government subsequently banned the sale of the Bible, and Lord Palmerston, worried about Anglo-Spanish relations, sternly instructed British consuls in Spain not to help the Bible-pushers. Borrow spent, indignantly, some time in a Spanish jail, though he was aware that he was acquiring some good copy for future books.

The first Carlist wars (1833-39) attracted a British volunteer force to fight with the liberal armies, anticipating by 100 years the Britons who fought with the Republicans against Franco. General Juan Prim, the greatest of Spain's 19th-century liberal soldier-politicians and a major figure in the 1868 revolution which ended Isabel II's reign, had plotted while living in London, and left from Southampton to arrive in Cadiz via Gibraltar in a boat provided by Blands, the Liverpool shipping line.

After the ill-fated Amadeo of Savoy interlude, when Spaniards showed they would not copy an Italian-style constitutional monarchy, the restoration of 1874 ushered in a remarkable period of stability and an adaptation of England's two-party system to Spain under the moderate prime minister Antonio Cánovas del Castillo (he is said to have known by heart all Gladstone's and Disraeli's major speeches).

Britain helped Spain's economic development in the 19th century by supplying machinery to establish Catalonia's textile industry, exploit Spain's mines, and advance the sherry business – based in several families who had originally settled in Jerez after the 15– to world rank.

Spain's Queen Regent vainly appealed to Queen Victoria before the armed conflict with the United States broke out in 1898 and Spain lost Cuba. However, by 1906 Spain had on the throne a King (Alfonso XIII) who was married to a granddaughter of Queen Victoria (Victoria Eugenia).

In their different ways, the two world wars brought Anglo-Spanish relations into sharp focus. Spain was neutral in the first and at first neutral and then non-belligerent, under Hitler's pressure on the Franco regime, in the second.

New framework for a changed society

The British Labour Party's victory in the 1945 election was received as a grim omen in Madrid, but Franco clung to power and did not make way for Don Juan. He survived to die in his bed 30 years later, and his regime reverted to an ultranationalism synonymous at various moments in Spain's history with anglophobia. It culminated over Gibraltar with the 1969 blockade.

Writing of Alfonso XIII, whom he greatly admired, in *Great Contemporaries* at the height of the Civil War, Churchill asked: "May there not be many Spaniards who will wonder whether after all a limited monarchy and a parliamentary constitution mutually protecting each other were not worth some patient trouble to preserve or restore? May they not regard the reign of Alfonso XIII as a happy age – now gone if not for ever, at least for a generation?"

With the monarchy indeed restored under Don Juan Carlos, son of Don Juan, and democracy established in the first free elections in 1977, a profoundly changed Spanish society has been given a new political framework.

Richard Wigg

Business whirlwind that will make and break

Spain's entry into the EEC will mean boom or bust for many of its entrepreneurs, whether native or foreign, depending on how they adapt to the challenge.

Businessmen are being feverishly warned that they should find out what is in store for their sectors and brace themselves for the winds of competition which will sweep across the Pyrenees, perhaps as early as next January. Ministries are stepping up their help to industries they consider should get special attention, particularly those using or developing new technology.

While it is probably true that most Spanish businessmen are not prepared for the shock of membership, some are, and some sectors are in better shape than others. In addition, Spain enters with an advantage. Even before membership, its trade balance with the European Community is favourable.

Foreign investors will probably find it easier from now on to buy into Spanish industry. From the date of membership, Spain will assume EEC regulations on the transfer of capital, with a few exceptions.

Project financing and technical assistance are already available to both Spanish and foreign businessmen operating in Spain. British investors have shown less interest in the possibilities than the French or Germans in recent years. The French led the list of foreign investors in 1983, the last year for which complete statistics are available. That year they contributed 18.9 per cent of the foreign capital invested, compared with the British share of 6.8 per cent.

In every year but one between 1979 and 1983 France put in at least 10 per cent of the total foreign investment, while Britain's average for the same period was only slightly more than 8 per cent, and was less than that every year except 1981.

Spain's tariff walls will come tumbling down over a seven-year period; but 51 per cent of the tariff barriers against industrial imports will have been removed within three years of entry. Quotas will be applicable to certain products during all or part of the adaptation period. For example, 32,000, 36,000 and 40,000 cars may be imported in each of the first three years, with a 17.4 per cent tariff.

Other manufactured goods to get similar treatment in the first three years include tractors, colour television sets, sewing machines and firearms. Some textile products will be restricted for four years.

Car manufacturers are among Spain's leading exporters; Ford is the national export champion. Last year car manufacturers built nearly 1.2 million automobiles and nearly 147,000 industrial and farm vehicles. They exported 679,949 passenger cars or light vans, nearly 59 per cent of their total production. Most of those cars were sold in Europe.

Among the companies manufacturing in, and exporting from, Spain are (in addition to Ford): General Motors, Talbot-Peugeot, Volkswagen-Seat, Renault, Citroën and Nissan. In the popular small-car sector, Britain can compete only with imported cars, since it builds no cars in Spain. The same applies to the upper end of the market, but at present Rover and Jaguar prices are competitive. This will end when Spain becomes a member of the EEC.

As the EEC negotiators learnt belatedly during the bargaining, Spain has considerable industrial potential, although its



Car workers assemble Fords at a plant in Valencia

ability to threaten industry north of the Pyrenees has been pared away by a decade of recession.

In some industries, such as machine tools, Spain has lost its leading edge and will have to struggle to get it back. In others, such as aerospace, it is still striving to find a niche; in addition to the manufacture of components of foreign-designed aircraft, it is concentrating on the development of relatively low-priced workhorse aircraft, such as the Casa short-take-off-and-landing cargo planes, which are being sold throughout the world with some success.

In shipbuilding, both naval and commercial, Spain was once highly competitive but since the industry foundered in the late 1970s it has been going through a painful reconversion process.

Low labour costs have been an attraction for foreign investors to Spain, but that lure is fading. According to the Spanish Confederation of Metal-working Management Organizations (Confemetal), the average hourly industrial labour cost in Spain was less than half the corresponding figure for the United States in 1984, but the difference in productivity levels was so great that the cost of labour represented only 84 per cent as much per unit of production as it did in Spain.

By the same yardstick, according to Confemetal, Spain's "cheap" labour force was more expensive last year than those of Japan, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Britain, Belgium and Austria.

To a great extent, technology is imported, and the situation is expected to remain that way in the forseeable future. Successive Spanish governments and big businessmen have paid relatively little attention to the value of research and development. There are exciting exceptions, nevertheless.

Señor Julio Pinto Silva's "Eurotren Monoviga", a high-speed train of unconventional design with many potential advantages over standard railway systems, not the least of which are lower installation and operating costs, will be racing along its characteristic steel or concrete I-beam in many countries by the end of the century, provided the full-scale prototype to be mounted in Seville this year lives up to expectations.

Contracts for technological and industrial co-operation in the project have already been signed with SKF of Sweden and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan, and rights for the manufacture and sale of the system in the Far East are being negotiated. Señor Pinto Silva claims his rubber-tyred train will be safer and more efficient than conventional trains, and it will be able to climb gradients and take curves that no ordinary train can.

The Spanish authorities are also greatly interested in advanced technology from abroad.

Evidence of such interest, which is centred on the possibilities of increased employment and export revenue, is the contract signed recently by the Spanish national telephone company and A T and T of the United States for the design and manufacture of integrated circuits, a contract expected to lead to sales of about $300 million (about £240 million).

Spain was briefly in danger of losing this contract even after the signing, because of the Spanish government's initial reluctance to heed the US Administration's diplomatic urgings to impede the re-exportation of certain double-use technology to Russia or its allies. Only after it became clear in February that the A T and T deal, among others, was in jeopardy, did the cabinet swallow its Spanish pride and agree to negotiate, signing the CoCom agreement and to talk directly to the US about the limits of restrictions on technology exports.

A company jointly owned by the Spanish telephone company and A T and T will begin building its new factory this year, and production is scheduled to start in 1987. By 1991, the factory is expected to be in full production, producing 26 million circuits a year, with a staff of about 700. Of that staff, 150 will have been given valuable training in the US in the design and manufacture of integrated circuits. This élite cadre is seen as a nucleus for further technological expansion in Spain.

The new company is expected to attract other high-tech firms and to stimulate development in such fields as telecommunications, information systems, automation, consumer electronics, industrial electronics and defence.

Harry Debelius

Threats facing the Costa tourists

Spain has always had more than its fair share of pilgrims. In medieval times they came to worship at the tomb of St James at Santiago de Compostela, travelling from all over Europe to gather at the Tour St Jacques in Paris, the traditional starting point for the hazardous journey.

Today the pilgims are of a different nature. Their gathering points are Luton and Gatwick, their destinations not the dusty church interiors of windy Galicia but the golden sands and concrete hotels of the Spanish coastline. Mass tourism has transformed both the economy and the appearance of Spain.

The wealth it has created has been a crucial factor in changing Spain from one of Europe's poorest nations into the modern state of today.

At the same time it has left a visual and permanent blot on the landscape of a naturally attractive region, and, more by reputation than experience, deterred individual travellers from a country which is rich in culture, cuisine and astonishingly varied architecture.

Spanish tourism is wholeheartedly dedicated to the mass market. Indeed, individual travellers wishing to find out more about the country through its tiny national tourist office in London will find the department understaffed and underfinanced, which seems strangely at odds with the fact that Britain is one of Spain's largest single sources of holidaymakers.

The success with which Spain has catered for the package holidaymaker may now give its tourism fortunes a rough time. The burgeoning Spanish economy has made the peseta one of Europe's strong currencies, moving from around 250 to the pound a year ago to about 210 today.

At the same time the currencies of three rival Mediterranean markets, Greece, Yugoslavia and Portugal, have softened against sterling. The result: price increases for 1985 of up to 20 per cent on Spanish holidays and a virtual freeze elsewhere.

The switch away from Spain could now give Greece 21 per cent of the British market, compared with 13 per cent last year, Yugoslavia 9 per cent, compared with 4, and Portugal 6 per cent, against 3.

Spain's customary 50 per cent of the market seems certain to fall and has prompted a round of price cuts and advertising campaigns by the national tourist board and the country's largest hotel group, Sol, which is swift to point out that this year's increases are the first real price rises in three years.

These setbacks have been compounded by reports of increased muggings in Spanish resorts, the murder of two British holidaymakers last year and the threat by ETA, the Basque separatist organization, to carry out sabotage along the Mediterranean coast. Nowhere are they felt more than in Majorca, the country's single most popular holiday destination. Majorca encompasses much of what is good and bad about Spanish holidays; it has a string of ugly, if popular, concrete resorts which are now being replanned to bring in new parks and open spaces. But outside the tourist areas it also has much untouched, attractive and little-visited scenery, and the capital, Palma, boasts a wealth of interesting shops, galleries and restaurants.

A strong peseta worries the local tourist trade more than security problems. "The currency factor will affect us" Señor Antonio Munar, director general of the Balearics Tourist Board, says. "Most probably this year we will have no increase in British tourism. In 1984 we had 14 per cent more than in 1983, which represented an increase of 177,000 holidaymakers from Britain alone.

"The effects of the bad publicity has been very negative. Obviously people can talk about muggings or stolen goods but people must realize that in the Balearics alone we receive about two million Britons and the majority return safe and happy to their homes. But we have made three major moves – more policemen around, though we don't want to become a police state, more activity in the courts, and we have opened a new prison for young offenders."

Most sections of the travel industry expect Spanish bookings to pick up during the summer, as alternative destinations become full. In the long term, as holiday makers who turn away from Spain to experiment with other countries will find out, there is no other country with such experience of the package tour market, and so many hotels to fill in catering for it.

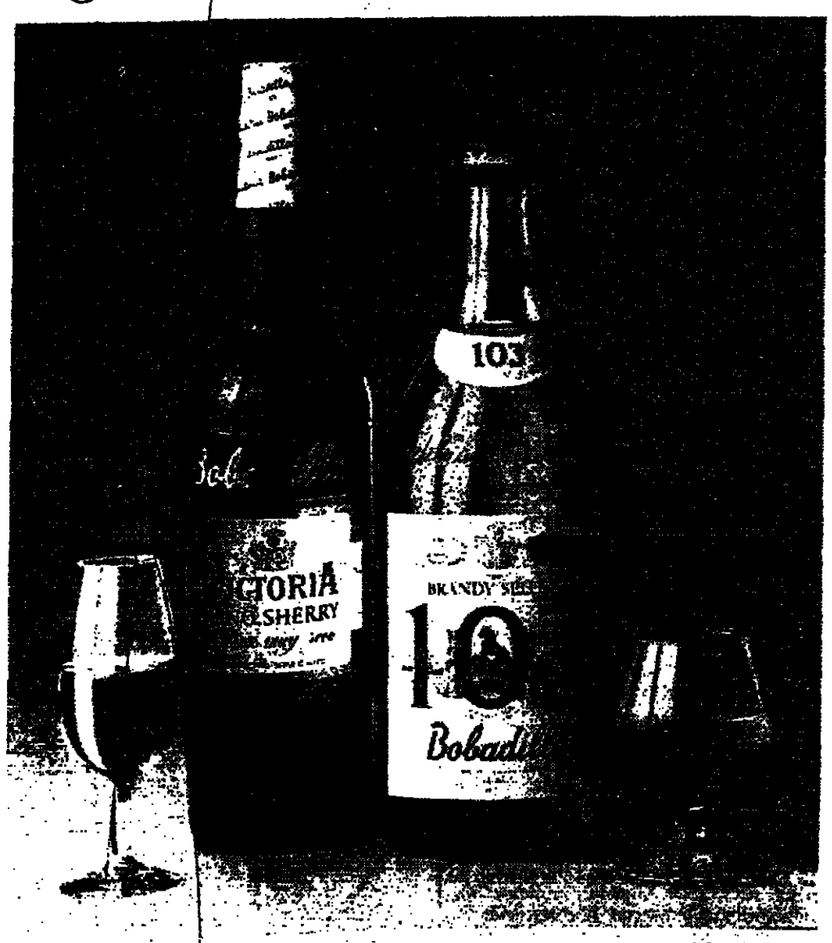
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France	10,871,872	10,326,166	9,981,673
Portugal	9,234,507	8,465,604	8,351,752
Britain	4,850,439	5,188,296	6,026,512
West Germany	4,777,817	4,970,190	5,250,065
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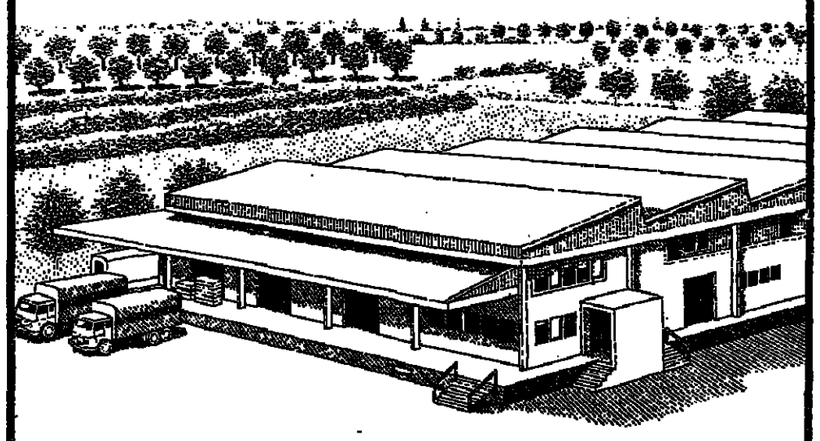
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Soldiers waiting for their orders

As a political force, the army has ceased to count in Spain, but it is still a political problem for the present Socialist government of Señor Felipe González. The government's ambiguous attitude towards membership of Nato continues to affect morale already gravely shaken by the failed *Putsch* of February 23, 1981.

Although these are separate issues, they tend to coalesce in the minds of the officer corps.

Contrary to received opinion, the attempted coup four years ago was not to be a *coup d'état* but rather a *coup de force*. The army had no intention of taking over the government, but rather of forcing King Juan Carlos to suspend constitutional rule, with army backing, for a limited period, so that various problems, especially terrorism, could be brought under control without allowing the civilian politicians to continue, as the plotters saw it, to make a mess of things. In other words, it was to be a temporary takeover on the Turkish model.

The *golpistas* were convinced that the king was on their side and that he would reveal his commitment once they had faced him with the accomplished fact of seizure of the Cortes and of Valencia (and other areas). Instead, the king emerged as a determined defender of Spain's fledgeling democracy, and the main plotters, Lieutenant-Colonel Tejero and Lieutenant-General Milans del Bosch, are still behind bars. Indeed, their sentences were increased in April 1983 on appeal to the Supreme Court.

In the immediate aftermath, the prevailing view in the senior ranks of the army was that the *golpistas* were not motivated by personal ambition but were men of honour whose main concern was to save the king. This, however, was scarcely an argument which the successor government was likely to espouse.

Two years ago, Señor Narcis Serra, defence minister in the newly elected Socialist government, announced plans to reduce the size of the army by 90,000 and national service from 15 months to 12. The officer corps was to be cut by 25 per cent.

Though not a man with a taste for confrontation, Señor Serra is now going still further. He has approved a plan to reduce the officer corps by a further 8 per cent, that is by one-third in all, and to streamline the structure of the military regions. Although the military budget is to be increased, the extra money will go on modernization of weapons and equipment, while the number of units will be cut by half. Moreover, the curriculum of the military academies is to be overhauled.



Anti-guerrilla training: Members of the Guardia Civil learn methods of countering terrorists

All this has created an atmosphere of muted resentment within the army, directed not so much at the government as at the king for (as some officers see it) allowing the government to get away with it. In the immediate future, nothing is likely to come of this resentful mood: it might become significant but only in the event of a serious social and economic crisis. The sense of frustration within the military is said to have been exacerbated by the fortuitous circumstance that Señor Serra has "not even done military service".

There remain two delicate matters. One concerns a small group of the so-called *húmedos* (wets), members of the leftish Unión Militar Española (UME) who plotted against Franco in the last phase of the dictatorship and were cashiered.

Although later pardoned, they have been denied their request to be reintegrated into the army, mainly because of fierce opposition from the officer corps. Their case poses a problem for the government, not least because of its known desire, when the situation is ripe, to pardon the 1981 plotters as well. At present, the official view is that the situation is not ripe for such an act of indulgence.

The Nato issue is of the government's own making, or more precisely, of the Socialist Party's. When the Socialists came to power in October 1982, Spain had already joined the alliance. The party (PSOE) had fought the elections with a promise to refer the question to the people in a referendum. Since then, the government has dithered, in effect wanting to have it both ways by continuing to be part of Nato while avoiding any military obligations to the alliance.

Thus Spain declined to take part in the 1983 Nato exercise (code-named Wintex-Cimex 83) organized by Nato headquarters in Brussels. The exercise should have been of great interest to Spain, which was kept ignorant of West European defence plans during the long years of General Franco's regime. Spanish military and diplomatic observers were indeed present, but the Spanish forces were denied the practical experience of full participation.

A few weeks later, on March 22 and 23, the Spanish government decided not to take part in the regular session of Nato's nuclear planning group, at ministerial level, held at Vilamoura in the Algarve.

The party leader and prime minister, Felipe González, probably favours full Spanish participation in the alliance, but is up against the pacifists in his party, as well as his electoral commitment to a referendum.

Señor González clearly finds it difficult, or even impossible, to opt out of his electoral commitment to a referendum, even though he has managed to avoid fulfilling it for more than two years.

After a recent and second round of talks with opposition leaders, it emerged that the referendum will indeed take place, but not until a date to be fixed between March 20 and April 23, 1986. The period chosen makes sense as it will fall immediately after Spain's formal entry into the EEC, about which Felipe González spoke enthusiastically in his interview.

It is reasoned that the prime minister's authority, short of unforeseen circumstances, will be at its height after entry, and that he will therefore be able to carry his party and the voters in favour of a popular confirmation of Spain's commitment to the Western alliance. Until then, the official ambiguity seems likely to continue.

Meanwhile, desultory negotiations are in progress between Spain and the United States over the future of the American bases. The Spanish side envisages dismantling the bases of Torrejón, near Madrid, and Saragossa. The informed view in Madrid is that the Pentagon is not raising any deep objections, so long as the key airnaval base of Rota is left intact.

One of the most outspoken champions of a firm and unequivocal Spanish commitment to Nato is Rear-Admiral Jesús Salgado Alba, president of the Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies. In a recent lecture reprinted in the *Revista General de la Marina*, the Admiral pointed out with some cogency that so long as Spain stays out of the integrated military machinery of Nato, it will have no say in the defence of the Straits of Gibraltar.

At present, Britain and Portugal are jointly responsible – an obvious anomaly. But then, so is the situation of Gibraltar itself, recently eased by the lifting of Franco's long-standing land blockade of the Rock.

What is certain is that Nato will not fully benefit from Spain's adherence to the treaty until it starts to play its full part in the military arrangements of the alliance. The present situation is unsatisfactory for all concerned.

Brian Crozier

Author of Franco: a biographical history *(1967) and* Franco: Crepúsculo de un hombre *(1979).*

SPAIN'S ARMED FORCES

Total armed forces	330,000 (214,000 conscripts)
Military service	15 months
ARMY	
240,000 (170,000 conscripts); to reduce to 195,000 by 1987	
Deployment:	
Ceuta/Melilla	19,000
Balearic Islands	5,800
Canary Islands	16,000
NAVY	
57,000 including marines (44,000 conscripts)	
Air	11 combat aircraft, 51 combat helicopters
Sea	1 aircraft carrier, 11 destroyers, 11 frigates, 4 corvettes
Marines	11,925
Bases	El Ferrol (Galicia), Cadiz (San Fernando), Rota, Cartagena
AIR FORCE	33,000
	215 combat aircraft
RESERVES	1,085,000 (all services)
PARA-MILITARY FORCES	Guardia Civil 63,500
	Policia Nacional 47,000
	Maritime Surveillance Force; about 54 patrol boats

Source: Military Balance 1984-5, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Dynamic Press takes its place in the establishment

Spain's peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy would have been impossible without a free press which strove first to inform and then help citizens judge for themselves.

For this to happen a generation break was probably indispensable, bringing with it a new style of journalism and dynamic proprietors prepared to challenge those who had learned to work under the Franco regime.

Today the Press is dominated by the two publications, *Cambio 16*, the weekly news magazine, and *El País*, the Madrid and Barcelona daily, which most successfully put through that change. Now they are very much part of the Establishment and are competing to enter commercial television and so break down the last major vestiges of the Franco regime in the communications field. The state's television monopoly, Radio Televisión Española (RTVE), allows Spaniards a choice of only two channels, plus the barely tolerated single channel each for Catalonia (TV-3) and the Basque country (Telebista).

The pioneering role of *Cambio 16* (which means change in Spanish) is part of the history of that transition. It started in 1971, when Franco still had four years to live, with a group of 16 founder shareholders /journalists, average age 32, headed by Juan Tomás de Salas, who had trained on *The Economist*.

It was frequently censored, and once silenced for several weeks by the information ministry. It could not report at all the assassination by ETA, the Basque separatist group, of Admiral Carrero Blanco, Franco's prime minister, only a few blocks away from its offices. Portugal's 1974 "Revolution of the Carnations" launched it into effective political reporting, and by the summer of 1976 it was selling half a million copies a week.

El País, the centre-left daily which José Ortega Spottorno, son of the philosopher José Ortega y Gasset, had wanted to bring out, was blocked by the dying regime and did not reach its first readers until May 1976. Today it dominates the Press scene, read by Cabinet ministers and opponents of the Socialist government alike each morning to find out what has happened or what is about to break over the country.

With a population of 38 million, Spain has one of the lowest circulation and readership figures among western industrialized nations: only three million newspapers are sold daily, with an estimated aggregate of nine million readers.

This helps explain why the success of *El País* and of *Diario 16*, *Cambio's* less successful daily stablemate, has meant a shake-up among existing titles, both national and provincial.

ABC, the monarchist Madrid daily which was apparently well placed with the dvent of democracy to become Spain's leading conservativenewspaper, fought but steadily lost ground to *El País* under its business leadership of Jesús e Polanco.

Today, edited by Luis María Ansón, who resigned as chief executive of Efe, th state news agency, the day after the Socialists won power, *ABC* delights in portraying everything under socialism as the worst in the wor of possible worlds. However in Antonio Fernández-Cid th paper has Spain's best musicritic.

CIRCULATION F SPAIN'S LEADING DAILES (1983)

El País (Centre-left)	340,900
La Vanguardia (Conservative)	193,500
ABC (Right-wing)	145,500
Diario 16 (Liberal)	129,800
Ya (Catholic)	104,800

In Catalonia *La Vanguardia* has underlined how *ABC* missed its opportunity. The Barcelona paper is both well withstood the chainge in the region from *El Fis* and re-emerged from the franco era as Spain's best provinal daily.

This has left *Ya* owned by the Spanish bishopsas the daily best representing ie middle classes. It has just ten given a modern make-up.

To the left of *El País*, *Liberación*, modelld on the Paris daily *Libératie* and run by a collective with a woman editor, came out la October, but did not last six months. It was disappointingly short on investigative reportir and too opinionated. At the oser end of the political spectrm is *El Alcázar*, the extremeight wing daily run by the Fracoite ex-combattants' conderation. Like *Egin*, the San Sebastián Basque left-wing itionalist daily which is close t ETA, it has often tempted Madrid governments to shut it down, but both papers have survived out of goverament respect for press freedom.

The narrow social base of Spain's Press is emphasized by the absence of any mass popular dailies. There is, however, its devoted exclusively to sport; and there are the pictorial and women's weeklies, headed by the immensely successful *Hola*.

Hence the importance of television and the opportunities for advertising. RTVE, started in 1956 by the Franco regime with a succession of directors-general, including Adolfo Suarez before he became prime minister, draws massive audiences, over ten million viewers (including those in bars) for major football matches, and is financed partly by advertising (there are no TV licences in Spain).

RTVE has proved one of the greatest disappointments of the transition. Under Franco, as under the Centre Democrats and now under the Socialists, new teams of television journalists have persistently tried, and failed, to break the bad old traditions of political subservience. RTVE is mediocre in its arts and entertainments programmes.

Felipe González, the prime minister, has promised to legalise private television before next year's general elections, but seems in no great hurry to get the bill through parliament. Some suspect the prospect of a choice of TV by 1987 is judged sufficient to help win those elections, and the state monopoly will go on being exploited by the party in power during the campaigning.

Several newspaper groups are vying bitterly to get the franchise, hoping the advertising revenues will help finance the switchover to the new technology.

The already very prosperous *El País* has apparently stolen a march on its rivals. It has bought a 25 per cent stake in SER, Spain's most successful radio chain. This looks like having laid the basis for Spain's new independent television network.

The rival companies owing *Cambio 16* and *La Vanguardia* have angrily denounced the connivance of the Socialist government in letting the coup by *El País* go through.

Richard Wigg

The Church bides its time as social reforms emerge

Historically, the Roman Catholic Church in Spain has remained close to the people, often far closer and more influential than any political regime. It helped greatly to underpin the transition to democracy. But today it is a good deal less clear whether it is not acting as a brake to changes desired by a majority of the Spanish people.

The Spanish bishops are evidently reacting to the winds they believe to be prevailing in the Vatican and conservative forcesin politics. These never forgave local church leaders for not backing an Italian-style Christian Democrat party after Franco's death and now clearly believe they have an excellent opportunity, with the church's approval, to exploit the Socialist government's mounting frustration that important aspects of its social reform programme are being held up.

Spanish society has undergone modernization to a remarkable degree, but vestiges of a corporative spirit from the Franco decades survive to show that society still has to become fully democratic in the west European sense. Lawyers and judges doctors and airline pilots, are among the most obvious groups still seeking to impose their will as to how the rest of society should live.

Well before Franco died in November 1975 Spanish society had moved ahead of the regime.

Politics, the aspect of Spanish society most noted abroad, was the last to change. Technocrats belonging to Opus Dei held increasing sway in government, finance and business.

But against that elitist and secretive power group, apparently the logical modern development of "Eternal Spain", the lives of working-class and middle-class Spaniards evolved by other routes.

In this process the mainstream was represented by the body of the Catholic Church, the rank-and-file priests, who were in growing difficulties with the regime, many of the bishops, and the laity.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) was of crucial importance, giving strength to the Spanish Church to break with the right-wing "National Catholicism", which derived directly from endorsing Franco's "crusade" in the Civil War against the godless Second Republic.

The symbolic break came in 1971 when a national assembly of bishops and clergy sought public pardon for the Church's role in the Civil War.

The dominant figure in this distancing of the Church from the dying regime was Cardinal Enrique Vincente Tarancón, the now retired Archbishop of Madrid and former chairman of the Spanish bishops' conference. He once declared his dislike for politicians "who take Communion daily".

In the critical period when political parties were first forming, Cardinal Tarancón refused to give the Church's backing for an Italian-style Christian Democrat Party in Spain.

Helped by the Vatican of those days, the cardinal laid (from the Church's side) the foundations of a peculiarly Spanish separation of church and state in the 1978 democratic constitution.

Under article 16 the public authorities pledged themselves to respect the religious sentiments of Spanish society and to co-operate with the Catholic Church. Under the Centre Democrat governments (1977-82) and now under the Socialists that pledge has been implemented in a way which is unique in contemporary Western Europe.

Thus enshrined, the Catholic Church's presence has been felt in three key social changes requiring legislation – divorce, abortion and educational reform.

Señor Maravall's reforms aim to assert state control over the £500 million subsidies that Church-run primary and secondary schools will receve this year and to correct theimbalance between the rull and urban opportunities for pain's schoolchildren.

Obeying the public istructions by the Pope on h two visits to Spain to nsure Catholic parents' freedm of choice in education, the bhops endorsed a street demonstation in Madrid last November y an estimated million urban nid-dle-class parents against the Maravall bill.

The minister's strong-wied attempt to get some of its provisions implemented by decree has met with a reluff from Spain's Supreme Co-t, which upheld an appeal y Catholic parents' associatios backed by private school pprietors.

Señor Maravall's difficulti have a parallel with those whic Señor Ernest Lluch, his co league as health minister, ha encountered in his battle agains the entrenched interests of Spanish doctors, built up under the Franco regime.

Richard Wigg

HOW THE SPANIARDS LIVE

The Spanish family

Average size of family: 3.5 persons
Average wage-earner supports: 3.5 persons (including himself)
Percentage of income spent
on food and drink: 30.8
on housing: 18.8
on entertainment: 1.6
on education: 2.1
Percentage of families buying or owning their own homes: 69.1
Percentage of households
with at least one car: 49.8*
with washing machine: 78.5*
with telephone: 58.7*
with refrigerator: 96.4*
with television set:
Black and white, 72
Colour, 26.5

MORTGAGES are generally available, in contrast to the situation only 10 years ago. Banks or savings institutions offer up to 70 per cent of the value of the property, repayable in up to 20 years. Mortgage interest rates range as high as 18.5 per cent, although some are lower.

HOLIDAYS Most employers give at least one full month's holiday a year. Most Spaniards holiday in Spain, but exact statistics are not available. 14.2 million Spaniards (out of the total population of 37.7 million (1981 census) left Spain in 1983, and an almost equal number returned.

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The angry workers who held Franco

Early in 1936 a general election in Spain created a "popular front" government composed of a coalition of left-wing and republican parties. It was an unstable combination ranging from revolutionary socialists to bourgeois liberals. But they had common enemies: the Church, the army and the great rural landlords. And they were bitterly opposed to any return to the old dictatorship of the old *monarchy. They had in* common a militant secularism.

Their opponents were also greatly divided: the army, the Church and monarchists had different interests, and both the republicans and the traditionalists had their greatest power and organization in disparate regions and provinces rather than nationally.

The new government was bold and provocative more than prudent. It made many mistakes and tried to move too quickly in an almost impossible situation.

On July 17, 1936, the army, or rather a cabal of generals, rebelled. Their forces, notably including columns of Moors led by a General Franco, marched on Madrid. Most observers expected a quick, easy victory.

As France and Britain looked at Spain, it seemed to be half Europe and half South America: a pattern of Hispanic politics in which wildly different timescales seemed to mix together on both sides, rather than simply defining the sides.

The government, more from desperation than conviction, armed factory workers and unions, and angry civilian militias halted Franco's professionally cautious soldiers.

The Civil War thus began with a traditional attempt at a *coup d'état* which unexpectedly incited popular revolutionary fervour but in defence of the elected, constitutional government. And this fervour from the left and the republicans stirred up, in turn, ideological fervour among the previously disparate elements opposed to the Republic.

Legends grew that communism or fascism caused the war. In fact both were products of the bitterness of the war. And the strength of each in Spain grew almost entirely from outside intervention. By channelling their aid through General Franco, the German and Italian governments more or less unified the right. The Soviet government channelled its smaller aid through minority communist ministers in the wartime coalition, and gave what unity there was to the left.

Britain was bitterly divided by the Civil War. But the bitterness was not caused by the brave few who went and fought, nor all those hundreds and thousands of others who might have gone: it was generated by the issue of non-intervention.

British official opinion generally disfavoured the Republic *on the sound old Tory,* rather than ideological, grounds that it appeared unstable. Official opinion bore down on the French, then desperate not to antagonize the British Government because of their fear of possible German aggression or revenge. So the British and French governments set the example of banning military aid to either side in Spain, despite treaty obligations and the clear legitimacy of the Madrid government in international law.

The other great powers appeared to agree, but then Germany and Italy invented volunteers in a highly organised way with ultra-modern war equipment. Stalin retaliated, not that Spain loomed large in his calculations – but checking Germany did. The scanty Russian supplies strengthened conservative and official opinion in Britain in its resolve to do nothing.

The most bitter disputes were on this issue. The numbers who went to fight were relatively small and if the Spanish Republic could have been saved it would have been by British or French domestic politics overthrowing what became the one-sided farce of non-intervention. The Spanish government had the money to buy arms and had the majority of the people on its side. And, as so often, militias proved more than a match for professional soldiers, so long as they had arms and ammunition.

Most of the foreign military observers were interested in the German experiments with terror bombing. Guernica became a legend but they didn't seem to notice that the terror bombing of Madrid itself failed to shatter the morale of the civilian population: the deliberate targeting of cities rather than fortifications angered them.

Pessimitic miscalculations were made in Whitehall about the defencelessness of cities to the bomber which almost certainly strengthened the hands of the appeasers. Imaginative writers cought and spread this fear. George Orwell as Jeremiah cheered himself up in his two immediate pre-war novels with the thought that the whole rotten system would collapse after a few bombs.

More profound observers, like Tom Wintringham, then a communist staff officer with the International Brigade, relearned the lessons of Machiavelli, Gustavus Adolphus, Washington and Danton about what a partriotic, popular army could do if it adopted the right tactics.

Britain was uniquely stirred by the Civil War. Some small sign of this may be not merely the concern of literary writers about Spain – though the concern was always greater than the product – but that the best book about the war itself is by an Englishman, Hugh Thomas, as is the best account of its origins, Gerald Brenan's *Spanish Labyrinth:* and the greatest historian of modern Spain is Raymond Carr.

Bernard Crick

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When Wellington bowed for forage

Towards the end of the Peninsular War, Wellington sent a staff officer to buy forage from the estate of a Spanish nobleman. The officer returned empty-handed. The Spaniard, a proud and touchy man, had demanded a deep bow from the British officer who, equally proud and touchy, had refused to comply. It was generally agreed by the British that the staff officer had behaved correctly, yet the forage was still needed and so Wellington went to see the Spanish aristocrat himself.

Two hours later the forage carts began rolling into the British lines. Wellington was asked how he had secured the supplies without loss of face. "Oh", *he said casually,* "I *just* bobbed down."

Such pride and politics characterize the Anglo-Spanish alliance of the Peninsular War. That alliance, with willing Portuguese help, grievously wounded Napoleon's ambitions and liberated Spain, yet to this day neither side fully acknowledges the contribution of the other.

Tales of Spanish inefficiency became the common British memory of the partnership – such as that of General Cuesta immured in his lavish travelling coach and claiming his army was too tired to fight at Talavera. It is a mocking story, sadly true; just one of a battery of complaints about Spanish generals.

"Nothing will answer", Wellington wrote of those generals, "excepting to fight great battles in the plains, in which their defeat is certain." The truth of his assertion was *painfully* and finally admitted by the Spaniards when they appointed Wellington as the *Generalisimo* of their armies.

Spain, a proud country and centre of a global empire, had given supreme command to a British Protestant. He might have been Europe's best general, but the appointment hurt. Nor did the appointment do Wellington much good. The Cortes often ignored Wellington and gave him no freedom to promote efficient Spanish officers. He was formally rewarded with a Spanish title and a lavish estate, but never with trust.

Spanish suspicions never faded. In 1813, with the Battle of Vitoria won, Wellington was on the brink of carrying the war into France. His troops, in an horrific battle, carried the fortess of San Sebastián. Afterwards, in a welter of street-fighting, most of the harbour-*town was razed by fire.* The Spanish accused him then, and, the accusation lingers, of deliberately destroying the town because, before the wars, it had traded with France instead of Britain. Wellington, with his devastating logic, pointed out that if he had wished to destroy San Sebastián he would have done the job far more cheaply and efficiently, but not even the truth could soothe the sensitive, proud nerves of Spain.

In the end the politic Wellington himself sounds patronizing. At San Marcial, in *1813, a Spanish general sent for* reinforcements which Wellington, seeing that the French were beaten, refused to send. "Poor devils", Wellington said of the Spanish troops, "they never won a battle, but I made them win one at San Marcial."

Perhaps no alliance can survive words as harsh as that, or words as unfair. Man for man the Spanish soldier was as good as any in Europe. In 1808, and without British help, Spanish troops forced the surrender of a French corps at Bailén. At Vitoria it was Spanish infantry, under Spanish officers, who forced the crossing of the Zadorra to cut the French retreat.

British victories would never have been won without the *guerrilleros,* the men who fought the "little war", the *guerrilla.* It was a war of terror and reprisal, of small actions and great heroism. In 1810, when Masséna commanded a field army of 125,000 men, he could only spare 67,000 to fight the Anglo-Portuguese army at Busaco – the rest were tied down by *guerrilleros,* and that is a measure of the Spanish contribution to the alliance.

Some British troops sneered at Spain's religion; Wellington had to apologise for a mock religious procession in which British officers pretended to be Catholic priests and carried ration-beef instead of the host. Wellington's precautions against troops looting churches (or homes) were savage and generally effective, yet enough church and cathedrals were defamed for the religious rub to hurt.

Maybe even more hurtful was the number of girls who, seduced by the romance of a fine fellow in a uniform, marched off *with the troops. Being liberated* and cuckolded at the same time does not make for lasting friendship.

Today the partnership is hardly remembered. On battlefield after battlefield I found memorials ignored, eroded, or missing altogether. Some, grander, ascribe British victories to Spanish generals. Pride again. Yet at Vitoria there is a splendid, noble and generous statue to Wellington's men. Nowhere, I think, do we British remember the terrible suffering of the Spanish people and of their resistance that made Wellington's victories possible.

The alliance was a forced marriage, born of necessity and soured by pride, yet in the end there were enough men, on both sides, who knew when to bob down.

Bernard Cornwell

Author of the Sharpe novels, the adventures of a rifle officer in the Peninsular War.

Cardiff: loading provisions for government forces in the Civil War and, right, fighting in Spain

APRIL 26 1937 (BOMBING OF GUERNICA)

On April 26, 1937 Guernica was destroyed by German-made bombers and fighters in one of the most infamous actions of the Civil War George Lawther Steer (1909-44). The Times correspondent, reported from the ruined town on the following day.

At 2am to-day when I visited the town the whole of it was a horrible sight, flaming from end to end. The reflection of the flames could be seen in the clouds of smoke above the mountains from 10 miles away. Throughout the night houses were falling until the streets became long heaps of impenetrable débris. Many of the civilian survivors took the long trek from Guernica to Bilbao in antique solid-wheeled Basque farm-carts drawn by oxen. Carts piled high with such household possessions as could be saved from the conflagration clogged the roads all night. Other survivors were evacuated in Government lorries, but many were forced to remain round the burning town.

JANUARY 27 1809 (DEATH OF SIR JOHN MOORE)

After retreating to Corunna, Moore was mortally wounded during a French attack on January 16. His army repulsed Marshal Soult's forces and escaped by sea. The Times published an account of his death by one of his friends.

I met the General on the evening of the 16th instant, as some soldiers were bringing him into Corunna, supported in a blanket with sashes. He knew me immediately, though it was almost dark; squeezed me by the hand, and said, "Do not leave me." He spoke to the surgeons on their examining his wound, but was in such pain he could say but little... The first question he asked was – "Are the French beaten?" – which inquiry he repeated to all those he knew, as they entered the room. On being assured by all that the French were beaten, he exclaimed "I hope the people of England will be satisfied. I hope my country will do me justice..."

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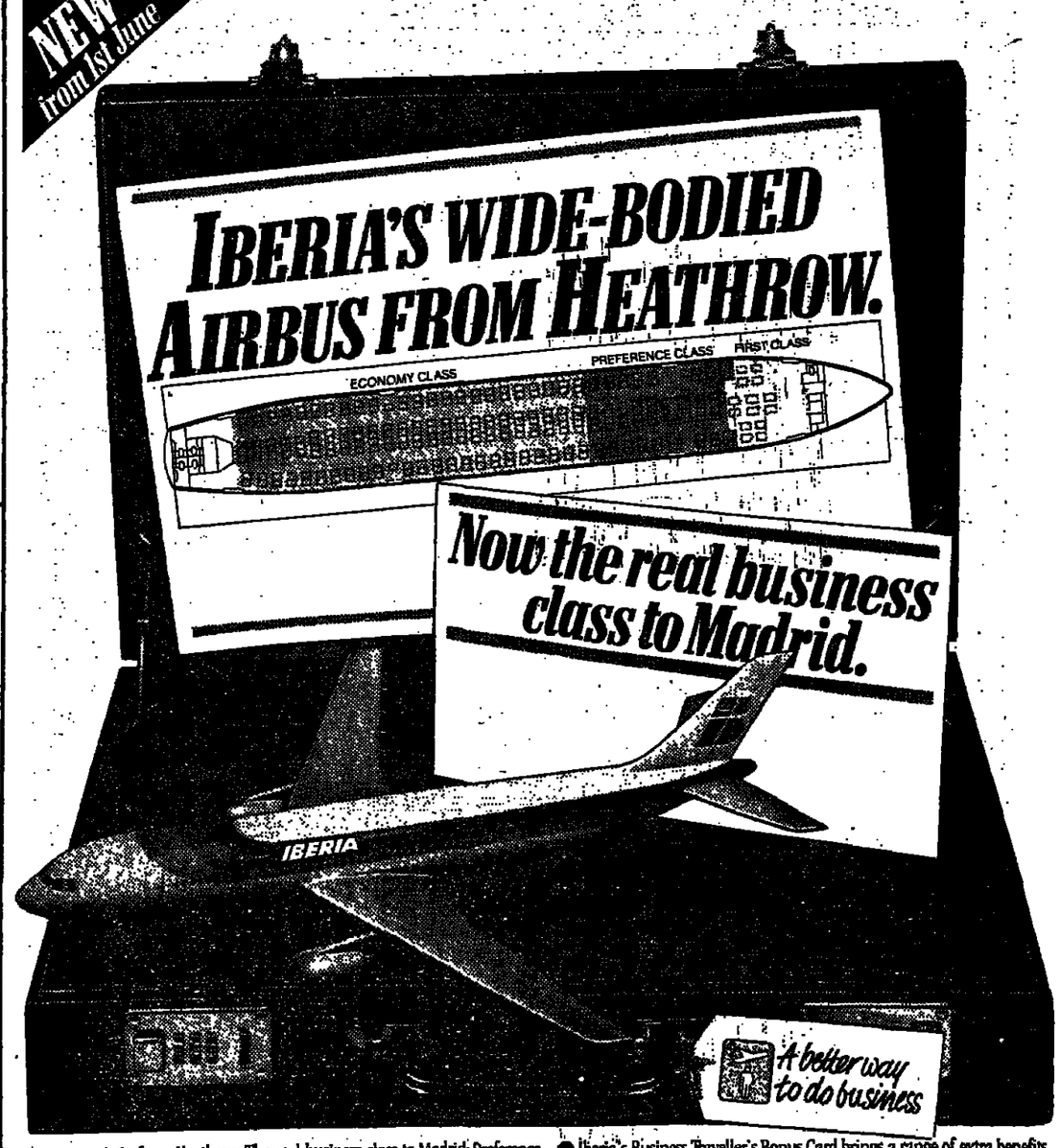
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26	Arenson	
27	Blackwood Hodge	
28	Babcock	
29	Br Syphon	
30	Appledore	
	INDUSTRIALS L–R	
31	Pilkington	
32	Morgan Crucible	
33	Lep	
34	Reed Int	
35	Longton Ind	
36	Relyon	
37	Porter Chadburn	
38	Robinson (Thomas)	
39	Lon & Nthn	
40	Metal Closures	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong market

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 29. Dealings End, May 10. § Contango Day, May 13. Settlement Day, May 20.
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lloyds is first to tap floating Euronote

Lloyds Bank has scored quite a triumph with its $600 million (£490 million) perpetual floating rate Euronote. The issue is the first to meet the Bank of England's stringent new requirements for what can count as a bank's primary capital. Its initial success – it was increased from $400 million and was trading above par in the grey market ahead of the issue yesterday – will have left smiles on a number of faces.

At the Bank of England, it is seen as a full vindication of the stance the supervisors adopted in the paper issued last year on bank capital. That paper provoked an angry response from some clearing bankers who argued that it would be nigh impossible to issue marketable perpetual debt in line with the Bank of England's requirements at a reasonable price.

There was also much grumbling about the additional restrictions on conventional subordinated debt issues. In the light of the Lloyds Bank issue and the recent $400 million floater from NatWest, the banks' grumbles look rather lame.

Devising a viable perpetual floater to satisfy the Bank of England has not been an easy task. But there is nothing the Euromarkets enjoy more than the challenge of creating another recherch instrument and Lloyds Bank's merchant banking group will be well pleased that it has come up with a formula ahead of the competition.

Midland Bank, which has also announced its intention of raising capital with a perpetual floater, will be studying the Lloyds issue closely with Samuel Montagu, its merchant banking arm, and it would not be surprising if Midland comes out with something before long.

For Lloyds Bank, the issue means that it is raising good quality capital or quasi-equity relatively cheaply. It is paying a spread of 25 points over six months London interbank offered rate (Libor), or slightly more, taking account of fees. This is certainly more expensive than raising ordinary debt but if it had chosen to issue preference shares, it would have had to pay about 400 basis points.

The key point about the issue which allows it to be counted as primary capital is that in the event of Lloyds Bank being liquidated the noteholders will be treated as preference shareholders. This would happen the day before liquidation proceedings started.

The formula is not exactly what the Bank of England envisaged but the Bank is satisfied it meets the overall aim which is that the capital should be available to meet losses while leaving an institution still able to trade.

One interesting aspect is that, on practical grounds, Lloyds has had to go ahead with the issue before consulting shareholders who will have to sanction the creation of a new class of preference shares at an extrordinary meeting.

They are not likely to object. The extra capital will leave Lloyds the best capitalized among the big four in terms of free capital. Market gossip yesterday was suggesting it might spend some of the money on buying Mercury Securities.

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Borrie blows cool on Insolvency Bill

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, makes a tantalizing entry into the debate over the Insivency Bill in his annual report to Parliament. Few and certainly none at the Department of Trade and Industry, would gainsay his proposition that "legislation is urgently needed to protect the consumer against the situation where a company goes cold-bloodedly into liquidation, leaving its customers at the tail-end of the creditors' queue, but reappears – sometimes within weeks – to recommence trading under a new name".

The Bill never attempted to improve directly the lot of consumers who had put down deposits with companies that went to the wall before supplying. But there was some indirect remedy from the harsher treatment of directors of companies that went into compulsory liquidation.

The overturning of automatic disqualification in the Lords, which the Government will not try to reverse in the Commons, undermines this sideways aid. Alex Fletcher, the minister responsible for the Bill, would argue that the duty of liquidators to report "unfit" directors for possible disqualification plus the tidied-up provision to suspend limited liability for wrongful trading, would cover this abuse, especially as they apply both to compulsory and voluntary liquidations.

Sceptics will, however, fear that these provisions require a burden of proven guilt that will let most cowboys off the hook, as it has under the existing law. It is certainly true that the consumer lobby, somewhat neglected in the original Bill, has been further pushed into the background in the amended Bill now before the Commons. So it is hard to argue with Sir Gordon's tentative conclusion that "I am not sure the Insolvency Bill goes far enough".

Closing the SSAP 16 account

To the relief of all those who have suffered at the hands of the accountancy profession's inability to solve the problems of how companies should account for inflation, SSAP 16, the current cost accounting, is on the way to being relieved of its mandatory compliance status. Largely at the instigation of the Stock Exchange, which is fed up with present uncertainty, the council of the English Institute of Chartered Accountants was forced to discuss SSAP 16's withdrawal yesterday.

The Stock Exchange, and others, are worried on two counts. First, the increasing number of companies which ignore SSAP 16, has rendered monitoring of compliance by the Stock Exchange, futile, frustrating and time consuming. Second, companies which are seeking a listing are required to have produced SSAP 16 based accounts for two years previously, yet they very rarely have any intention of carrying on the practice once a quote is obtained.

Regulations being what they are, there is no easy way round the problem while SSAP 16 formally remains on the accountancy profession's statute books. Although it is widely accepted that SSAP 16 is effectively defunct the profession has left it in place while it wrestless with the problem of finding a more appropriate method of dealing with inflation accounting.

It is a ludicrous state of affairs but it now seems that the end is in sight. Although the English ICA discussed recommending total withdrawal, the suggestion was rejected. Instead a subtle change will be proposed to the terms of compliance which in effect will say that although SSAP 16 remains it will no longer be necessary for companies to comply with it. A mysterious approach. But this is the way in which the profession has worked whenever inflation accounting is up for discussion.

The proposal still has to receive the backing of the other main accountancy bodies and the Accounting Standards Committee but hopefully it will be only a matter of time before an element of clarification is introduced into this confusing debate.

Rothschild management buyout

By Our City Staff

Mr Jacob Rothschild yesterday took further steps to tidy J. Rothschild Holdings in the wake of the decision to sell the merchant bank, Charterhouse Japhet. He also announced a second interim dividend of 3p.

The management of J. Rothschild Charterhouse Management, led by Mr Richard Thornton, is to buy JRH's 60 per cent stake in the firm for £1.3 million and the firm will be renamed Thornton & Co. It will continue to manage the Charterhouse J. Rothschild Pacific Investment Trust, which will also be renamed so as to exclude the words "Charterhouse J. Rothschild".

JRH is also to sell its 50 per cent stake in Nikko-Charterhouse J. Rothschild Capital Management to the Japan-based Nikko Securities for US$500,000 (£410,000).

The deals are subject to shareholders' approval.

Pound falls

The pound fell 1.85 cents to $1.2230 as firmer US interest rates pushed the dollar up. The sterling index fell 0.4 to 77.7. In thin trading, with most European centres closed for May Day, the dollar rose 5 pfennigs to DM3.1460 against the mark.

Opec accuses Lagos

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) yesterday admitted that its production quota of 16 million barrels a day is being ignored by at least two members, writes Our Energy Correspondent.

Nigeria is the main culprit and has recently been entering into several barter deals to conserve its foreign exchange reserves. Yesterday in Geneva, its oil minister, Professor Tam David-West, was criticized for allowing the deals.

Nigeria has yet to allow the Opec official auditors into the country to monitor its production levels which is now at 1.7 million barrels a day against Opec quota of 1.3 mbd.

A more serious threat has emerged with Iran's decision to move at least 300,000 barrels a day of its sales to Japan to a price structure related to the spot-market

Rooke defends Norway gas deal after new estimates

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, said yesterday that despite the Government's revised estimates of gas reserves under the North Sea he still felt that his decision to negotiate the purchase of £20 billion of Norwegian gas was correct.

The contract has been vetoed by the Government, but yesterday Sir Denis told the Commons Energy Select Committee that if new government estimates of "probable" reserves are not converted to "proven" reserves he would seek to renew discussions on importing gas.

He said: "We don't think the decision was taken on arithmetic grounds by the Government. We continue to take a different view from the Department of Energy."

Sir Denis told the committee that British Gas remained wedded to the concept of negotiating each gas contract individually and brushed aside suggestions from Mr Peter Rost MP for Erewash, Derbyshire, a Conservative member of the Committee, that the corporation was able to use its monopoly and the fact that direct exports of gas from the North Sea were banned to keep prices down.

He said: "The companies have two options open to them. They can produce the gas and distribute it using our transmission system to their own customers. They can also go to the minister of state for a ruling on prices. So far no company has done that.

"You may think that we are big and dominant but compared with Shell, Esso and Mobil we are pipsqueaks."

Investment in the North Sea could still be highly profitable, added Sir Denis. "The best investments I ever made were offshore. The Government must have agreed with us because they pinched them from British Gas."

Sir Denis told the committee that British Gas still felt that the Sleipner deal with the Norwegian Government would have provided security of gas supplies into the 1990s and unless new gas fields in the British sector of the North Sea became firm proposals in the next two years he would be "knocking on the door of the Department of Energy again."

Sir Denis, also confirmed Tuesday's statement by the Energy Minister that no decision has yet been taken on the privatization of British Gas.

He did, however, tell the committee that the Government's veto of the contract to buy Norwegian gas in the 1990s had damaged the corporation's negotiating credibility.

Government interference in the negotiations was, he agreed with a member of the committee, "a near unmitigated disaster."

British Gas warned the committee that the present massive output from the Norwegian Frigg Field could fall to zero within two years once production falls from its current peak.

Frigg now supplies about a third of British demand and by 1990 present contracted supplies from the Norwegian and British sector of the North Sea could meet only 40 per cent of the British demand.

"Further the Sleipner deal was secured in a negotiating climate advantageous to British Gas, of surplus supply in the rest of Europe. The terms finally agreed were therefore attractive.

"It is by no means clear that a resumption of negotiations at a later date with the Norwegian or any other exporter would have such a favourable outcome."

● A further £1.75 million is to be spent by the National Coal Board on equipment for its oil-from-coal pilot plant at Point of Ayr in North Wales, the plant will convert 2.5 tonnes of coal a day into petrol, diesel, or aviation fuel

The Hawley roadshow ducks out of questions

By Patience Wheatcroft

The Hawley Group roadshow came to London yesterday with a presentation aimed at keeping shareholders happy now that the company has moved its base to Bermuda.

The event, staged in Edinburgh and Manchester earlier in the week, was intended to polish Hawley's image in the City. The chairman, Mr Michael Ashcroft's decision not to allow any public question and answer session on Hawley's accounts did little to help.

The private shareholders who made up the bulk of the audience of 350 seemed delighted by their chairman's performance in the full glow of the spotlights and by the company's bullish tone.

Mr Ashcroft bought Hawley for £1.2 million in 1978. Today it has profits of more than £31 million and, Mr Ashcroft says: "There are fewer than a hundred British companies with greater after-tax profits than us".

The stress on after-tax figures comes since Hawley's move to the lower-tax domicile of Bermuda last October. That was just one of many moves which have left the market wondering what Mr Ashcroft will do next. Yesterday he was explaining that Hawley is a service industries company with a great deal of potential.

He says: "We have a young and dynamic top management team who see the implications of the service revolution as being as important as the Industrial revolution".

Hawley now concentrates on five main divisions.

Prospects for Hawley's basic business, Mr Ashcroft says, were excellent, and even sceptical analysts expect the company to make pretax profits of about £42 million.

The shares moved up 2p to 102p yesterday.

Abbey Life flotation next month

By Alison Eadie

Abbey Life, the life assurance company wholly owned by ITT the American conglomerate, will be floated on the stock market by an offer for sale by S G Warburg, the merchant bank, early next month.

The exact slice of the company to be floated has not been decided, but will be between 25 per cent and 49 per cent. A figure nearer the top end of the range is widely expected.

The total capitalization will be around £500 million. Abbey has grown fast in recent years with new business sales in 1984 rising to 92 per cent of those of Hambro Life, the largest British life assurance company, compared with 70 per cent three years ago. Abbey's total premium income in 1984 was £376 million.

Leveraged buyout nears at Haden

By Jeremy Warner

Senior managers of Haden, the mechanical and process engineering group, are putting the finishing touches to plans for an American-style leveraged buyout of the company in the hope of fighting off an unwanted £37 million takeover bid from Trafalgar House.

Leveraged buyouts are commonly used in the United States to defeat hostile takeover bids, but have yet to be successfully tested in Britain.

Mr Philip Ling, Haden's managing director, said he was sure that other companies in Britain would follow Haden's example once they recognized that finance for such proposals was available.

A consortium of senior executives and seven institutional investors, including Electra Investment Trust and Globe Investment Trust, has been put together to bid for the company and final negotiations are taking place to reach agreed terms.

Mr Ling said that the new bid, which is expected today or tomorrow, would be worth considerably more than the 240p a share that Trafalgar is offering. Haden shares which have been trading well above 240p since Trafalgar, Mr Nigel Brookes' shipping property and construction group, made its offer more than nine weeks ago, rose a further 20p to 331p yesterday.



Nigel Broackes : unwanted takeover bid

Haden's announcement of the consortium bid approach came minutes after Mr Norman Tebbitt, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said he had decided against referring Trafalgar's offer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Normally reference decisions are made within the first month of a takeover battle and it is unusual for a decision to be made this late. Mr Ling, who launched a concerted campaign for a reference, said he continued to believe that it would be "extremely unhealthy" for Haden to be part of the Trafalgar group.

Trafalgar House has declared a 5.5 per cent share stake in another of Britain's plant engineering groups, Davy Corporation.

Hopes fade further on mortgages

By Richard Thomson

A fall in mortgage rates looked increasingly unlikely yesterday as building societies failed to take in enough deposits to meet the demand for borrowing last month. Societies estimate that net receipts for April will amount to between £500 million and £550 million compared with the £800 million a month required to match mortgage lending.

The disappointing result comes after several months of unusually low inflows. The clearing banks raised their interest rates by 2.5 per cent in February but the societies did not increase their rates until April, and then by only 2 per cent. In March the industry took in only £214 million.

The low April inflow means that societies will be unable to consider a cut in deposit and mortgage rates for another two or three months.

Inflows this month are expected to improve slightly as the effect of last month's cuts in bank rates makes the societies more competitive, but May and June usually produce low inflows as investors withdraw money to pay for holidays.

Mortgage demand remains high despite high borrowing rates. The societies promised more than £2 billion to home buyers last month.

IN BRIEF

BAe pitched at 375p

The Government has agreed a selling price of 375p a share for this week's British Aerospace share sale. The joint Government and company offer will raise £550 million before expenses, of which the Government will receive £363 million.

The terms were announced yesterday. Shares were trading at 395p on Tuesday evening when the price was agreed and fell 5p to 390p yesterday.

Prospectus's will be published tomorrow, and applications have to be submitted by May 10. The shares are being sold with a 200p down payment and the balance of 175p payable on September 10.

Kleinwort Benson and Lazards, the issuing banks, have committed 55 per cent to professional institutions; another 17.5 per cent to existing British Aerospace shareholders; 5 per cent for employees; with 24 per cent for members of the public and general investors.

Currency option

The Stock Exchange's first currency options contract will be £12,500 priced in dollars with a new class of member, the Currency Option member. The contract will be identical to the one traded by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Foseco surge

Foseco Minsep, the specialist chemicals group, yesterday reported a 67 per cent rise in profits for last year from £20.6 million to £34.5 million. A final dividend of 5.4p is being recommended, raising the total for the year from 7.35p to 8.2p

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Reuters, the news agency, is taking the 50,000 sq ft St Brides House office scheme in Salisbury Square, off Fleet Street, developed by the Legal & General Assurance Society. Reuters is believed to be paying about £18 a square foot for the space.

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Nurdin up £1.2m

Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry wholesalers, increased pretax profits in 1984 to £13.2 million up £1.2 million. Turnover rose to £596.1 million (£516.4 million). A final dividend of 2.5p makes 4.2p (3.75p).

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Profits rise 50%

Geers Gross, the advertising agency, announced a 2p final dividend, making an unchanged 4p. Turnover for 1984 was £122 million (£97.9 million). Pretax profit was £1.8 million, up 50 per cent from the previous year's £1.2 million.

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The Bank of Nova Scotia London Branch
Banque Belge Limited
Bayerische Vereinsbank London Branch
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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	978.4 (+7.0)
FT- A All Share	626.60 (+4.49)
FT Govt Securities	81.13 (–0.15)
FT-SE 100	1301.5 (+10.5)
Bargains	19,161
Datastream USM	N/A
New York	
Dow Jones	1256.84 (–1.21)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,456.65 (+30.36)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1516.73 (–3.83)
Amsterdam:	211.0 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO	873.9 (–0.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	Closed
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich:	
SKA General	Closed

GOLD

London fixing: am $315.60pm-$312.50 close $311.50-312 (£254.75-255.25)
New York: $313.15
Comex (latest)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Shiloh	73	+ 29
Newman Mines	5	+ 1
Planet Grp.	105	+ 17
Owen Owen	260	+ 32
Vitibron	42	+ 5
Spong Hldgs.	22	+ 2½
Midsummer Inns	270	+ 45
Burnett & Hallams.	45	+ 5
Slaters Foods	70	+ 7
Howard & Wynd	55	+ 5
John Mowlem	238	+ 20
Wheway Watson	12	+ 1
Nash Inds.	38	+ 3
E. Mid. A. Pr.	185	+ 15

FALLS:

Nimslo	34	– 5
Metal Sciences	10	– 1
NZI Corp.	60	– 5
SA Land	218	– 20
Ydrk Res.	6½	– ½
Northgate Expl.	320	– 20
Stoddard	13	– 1
Airflow	29	– 2
Ropner Hldgs.	175	– 10
Eastern Produce	300	– 15

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.2230 (–0.0185)
£: DM 3.8492 (–0.0019)
£: SwFr 3.2310 (+0.0110)
£: FFr 11.7500 (–0.0250)
£: Yen 309.45 (–3.29)
£ Index: 77.7 (–0.4).
New York:
£: $1.2267
$: DM 3.1375
$ Index: 148.0 (+1.3)
BCU N/A
SDR £0.796570

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12¼-12½
3-month interbank 12⅜-12⅝
3-month eligible bills 12-11 31/32 buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8 11/16
3-month Treasury Bills 7.82-7.78
Long bond 98 18/32-98 23/32

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WALL STREET

	Apr 30	Apr 29
AMF Inc	19¼	19⅞
AMR	39⅝	39
Allied Corp	44½	44⅛
Allied Stores	56	56¼
Allis Chalmers	7	6⅞
Alcoa	30⅝	31⅛
Amax Inc	17⅞	17⅞
Amerada Hess	31⅝	31⅝
Am Brands	58⅞	58⅞
Am Broadcast	107⅛	108
Am Can	53⅛	53⅝
Am Cyanamid	52⅝	52⅝
Am Elec Power	21⅞	21⅝
Am Express	43⅛	43⅛
Am Home	58⅜	59⅛
Am Motors	3⅝	3⅝
Am Nat Res	64⅛	64⅝
Am Standard	28⅛	27⅞
Am Telephone	21	20⅞
Armco Steel	7⅝	6⅝
Asarco	25⅞	25⅝
Ashland Oil	30⅛	31⅛
Atlantic Richfield	59⅛	58⅞
Avtn Products	21⅛	20⅞
Bankers Tst NY	64⅜	65⅛
Bankamerica	20⅜	20⅛
Bank of Boston	48⅛	48⅛
Bank of NY	41½	41⅜
Beatrice Foods	30⅞	30⅛
Bethlehem Steel	16⅞	16⅞
Boeing	60⅛	60⅛
Boise Cascade	39⅝	39⅛
Borden	57⅛	57
Borg Warner	20½	20⅝
Bristol Myers	56⅞	57⅜
BP	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Burlington Nthn	49⅛	50⅝
Burroughs	59⅛	59⅝
Campbell Soup	65	64⅞
Canadian Pacific	43½	43½
Caterpillar	31⅛	32⅝
Celanese	32	32⅝
Central Soya	24	24
Champion	22⅜	22⅝
Chase Manhat	51½	53⅞
Chem Bank NY	37⅛	38⅛
Chevron	37⅞	38⅛
Chrysler	34⅝	34⅝
Chicorp	43⅞	45
Clark Equip	29⅜	29⅝
Coca Cola	68½	68½
Colgate	25¼	25¼
CBS	107⅛	105¼
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅛
Combustion Eng	31⅝	31⅝
Comwlth Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Cons Edison	32⅛	32⅛
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	30	30
Corning Glass	37⅝	37⅞
CPC Intl	38⅞	38⅞
Crane	33¾	33⅞
Crocker Int	26⅛	26⅛
Crown Zeller	41½	41⅛
Dart & Kraft	95½	95
Deere	27⅝	28
Delta Air	40⅝	41½
Detroit Edison	16⅞	16⅝
Digital Equip	98⅝	99
Disney	76⅝	77¾
Dow Chemical	30½	29⅝
Dresser Ind	20⅞	21⅛
Duke Power	32⅝	32½
Du Pont	55½	55⅝
Eastern Air	8½	8⅛
Eastman Kodak	66⅞	44⅛
Eaton Corp	51⅞	51⅞
Emerson Elect	68⅛	70½
Evans Prod	2⅛	2⅛
Exxon Corp	51½	51½

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Fed Dept Stores	55⅝	56
Firestone	19⅝	19½
1st Chicago	24	24½
1st Interst Bncp	48½	48⅝
1st Penn Corp	7	7⅛
Ford	40⅝	41½
GAF Corp	30⅜	31½
GTE Corp	40½	40⅝
Gen Corp	42½	41⅞
Gen Dynamics	66⅝	67⅛
Gen Electric	66⅛	66⅝
Gen Foods	83½	83⅝
Gen Mills	52⅝	53⅛
Gen Motors	67⅞	67⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅞	11⅝
Genesco	4⅞	4⅞
Georgia Pacific	21	21⅞
Gillette	61⅞	61⅞
Goodrich	30⅝	31⅛
Goodyear	25⅛	26⅛
Gould Inc	21½	21⅞
Grace	39⅝	39⅞
Gt Attic & Pacific	17	17
Greyhound	28⅛	28⅛
Grumman Corp	25⅛	26⅜
Gulf & West	37	37⅝
Heinz H. J.	47½	47⅝
Hercules	32⅝	33⅛
Honeywell	55	56⅛
IC Inds	31⅛	32
Ingersoll	46	46
Inland Steel	22	21⅝
IBM	126⅝	128½
Int Harvester	8⅝	8¾
INCO	13½	13⅝
Int Paper	50½	48⅞
Int Tel Tel	33½	33⅝
Irving Bank	39⅛	39⅝
Jim Walter	32⅝	33
Johnson & John	43⅝	43⅝
Kaiser Alumin	13⅞	13⅝
Kerr McGee	32½	32
Kimberly Clark	53½	52⅝
K Mart	33½	33⅝
Kroger	42½	43⅝
LTV Corp	9⅞	10
Litton	68	69
Lockheed	47⅞	48⅛
Lucky Stores	19⅜	19½
Manuf Hanover	36⅝	37½
Manville Cp	5½	5⅝
Mapco	33½	33
Marine Midland	33⅜	33⅝
Martin Marietta	51⅞	51⅞
McDonnell	75½	77
Mead	37⅛	37½
Merck	101⅝	102
Minnesota Mng	77	77½
Mobil Oil	30½	31½
Monsanto	45½	44⅝
Morgan J. P.	48	49
Motorola	30⅝	31½
NCR Corp	26½	26½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Nabisco	59½	60½
Nat Distillers	29½	29⅝
Nat Med Ent	26½	27⅛
Norfolk South	62⅝	64
NW Bancorp	25⅞	25⅞
Occidental Pet	29⅝	30½
Ogden	29½	29⅝
Olin Corp	30½	30⅝
Owens-Illinois	44⅛	44⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅝	18⅛
Pan Am	5	5⅛
Penney J. C.	45½	45⅞
Pennzoil	51	51½
Pepsico	53⅝	53⅝
Pfizer	44½	44⅛
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	20
Philip Morris	85⅛	91

	Apr 30	Apr 29
Phillips Petrol	38⅛	39⅛
Polaroid	27⅞	28⅛
PPG Ind	34½	35⅛
Proctor Gamble	50⅝	51⅛
Pub Ser E & Gas	28⅛	28⅝
Raytheon	44⅞	45⅝
RCA Corp	40⅝	41½
Reynolds Ind	77½	82
Reynolds Metal	33¼	34⅛
Rockwell Int	35	35½
Royal Dutch	58½	59⅝
Safeways	29½	30⅝
Sara Lee	37⅛	39
SFE Sopac	28⅛	28⅝
SCM	47½	47½
Schlumberger	39⅝	40⅝
Scott Paper	35⅛	36
Seagram	41	41⅜
Sears Roebuck	33⅞	33⅝
Shell Oil	58⅝	59½
Shell Trans	36	36⅛
Signal Co	34⅝	34⅝
Singer	34⅛	35
Smithkline Beck	62⅝	62⅝
Sony	17½	17½
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	26
Sperry Corp	49½	50⅛
Std Oil Indiana	61⅝	61⅝
Std Oil Ohio	49⅞	49⅞
Sterling Drug	30⅝	30½
Stevens J. P.	17½	17½
Sun Comp	62	62⅛
Teledyne	243½	242⅝
Tenneco	44⅞	44⅝
Texaco	40½	40
Texas East Corp	32⅝	33⅛
Texas Inst	93⅝	92
Texas Utilities	27⅞	28⅛
Textron	47	47⅝
TWA	32½	32⅜
Travelers Corp	42½	42⅝
TRW Inc	70½	71⅜
UAL Inc	40½	41⅛
Union Carbide	38⅛	38⅝
Unocal	46⅛	46
Un Pacific Corp	48⅝	48½
Uniroyal	19½	18⅞
United Brands	13⅛	13⅛
US Steel	27⅛	27
Utd Technol	38⅛	38⅝
Westinghse Elec	36½	36⅝
Weyerhauser	28	27⅞
Whirlpool	41⅞	41½
Woolworth	43	43⅝
Xerox Corp	45⅝	45⅞
Zenith	20⅛	19⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	18	18
Alcan Alumin	33⅝	33½
Algoma Steel	21⅞	22½
Bell Telephone	39⅝	39⅝
Can Pacific	59⅝	59⅞
Cominco	13⅞	13⅞
Cons Bathurst	16⅛	16½
Gulf Oil	20	19⅞
Hawker/Std Can	19½	19⅝
Hudson Bay Min	7⅞	7⅞
Imasco	28⅛	28½
Imperial Oil	53	53½
Int Pipe	37¼	37
Mass.-Fergon	2.81	2.84
Royal Trustco	20½	20½
Seagram	56	56⅛
Steel Co	20½	20⅛
Thomson N 'A'	55	54⅞
Walker Hiram	30½	31
WCT	15⅝	16

● Ex div ▲ Asked ◇ Ex distribution. b Bid k Market closed n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded y Unquoted

Mixed start for shares

New York (AP-Dow Jones) 1-1 Wall Street share prices remained mixed in moderate early trading yesterday. Investors were deterred by signs of a slowing economy and an uncertain outlook for corporate earning.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.44 at 1,257.62, while the broader Standard & Poors 500 index was up 0.48 points at 175.43. The transportation average was up 1.33 points at 575.07.

Declining and advancing issues were about equal. Early turnover amounted to about 3.2 million shares.

Atlantic Richfield led the active issues up 2⅜ to 61½ on a volume of 2.38 million shares.

Philip Morris followed, down 1⅞ to 34. R. J. Reynolds was down 2¾ to 74½, also in active trading.

Tobacco shares have been sliding amid worries about lawsuits. The shares were weak for a third consecutive session.

International Business Machines was up ⅛ at 126½; General Motors was down ¼ at 67⅜ and Allied Corporation was up ¾ at 45¼.

Airline Computer and Defence stocks were mostly fractionally higher, while food stocks were mixed.

Other oil issues were mostly higher, with Mobil up ¼ at 30½ and Exxon was up ⅜ at 51⅞.

General Electric was down ⅛ to 59, Digital Equipment was down ⅛ to 98⅝ and Data General was down ⅜ to to 37⅞, and At & T was down ⅛ to 20⅞.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	87.65	87.70	87.62	87.63	1482
Sep 85	88.47	88.48	88.40	88.44	313
Dec 85	88.80	88.80	88.75	88.77	58
Mar 86	88.83	88.90	88.83	88.89	7
Jun 86	88.90	88.91	88.90	88.89	20
Previous day's total open interest 6851					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91.02	91.15	90.99	91.14	3405
Sep 85	90.27	90.44	90.24	90.41	1432
Dec 85	89.73	89.90	89.73	89.88	167
Mar 86	89.28	89.34	89.28	89.44	39
Jun 86	88.91	88.92	88.91	89.91	13
Previous day's total open interest 18495					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	70–25	71–04	70–21	71–02	1163
Sep 85	69–29	69–29	69–29	70–00	4
Previous day's total open interest 2932					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	106–09	106–14	106–06	106–09	1577
Sep 85	NT	–	–	109–25	0
Dec 85	NT	–	–	109–31	0
Mar 86	NT	–	–	109–19	0
Previous day's total open interest 3413					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	129.00	129.65	128.95	129.65	214
Sep 85	129.75	129.75	129.75	130.25	1
Dec 85	NT	–	–	–	–
Previous day's total open interest 1140					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Cattle, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR

Aug	105.2–06.0
Oct	110.4–10.2
Dec	117.0–16.0
Mar	128.2–28.0
May	133.2–32.6
Aug	138.0–37.6
Oct	145.0–43.0
Vol	541

COCOA

May	1786–84
Jul	1821–19
Sep	1835–03
Dec	1785–84
Mar	1786–84
May	1791–89
Jul	1810–80
Vol	80/5262

COFFEE

May	2096–95
Jul	2195–58
Sep	2197–96
Nov	2225–21
Jan	2238–35
Mar	2240–10
May	2235–2190
Vol	193/2200

GAS OIL

May	223.00–22 75
Jun	217 00–16.50
Jul	216.00–15.50
Aug	218 00–17.50
Sep	220.25–19.50
Oct	223.00–22.00
Nov	226.00–26.00
Dec	230.00–23.00
Jan	230.00–16.00
Vol	1,871

RUBBER

Jun	715–90
Jul	725–00
Aug	735–10
Sep	745–2
Oct	755–30
Nov	765–40
Dec	775–50
Jan	Unquoted
Feb	Unquoted
July/Sept	735–10
Oct/Dec	765–48
Jan/March	Unquoted
Vol	Nil

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1202 00–1205 00
Three months	1178.00–1179 00
T/O	6,175
Tone	Steady, but quiet

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1173.00–1175 00
Three months	1173.00–1175 00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9395-9404
Three months	9380-9390
T/O	385
Tone	Steady, but quiet

TIN HIGH–GRADE

Cash	9400-9410
Three months	9400-9410
T/O	15
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	310.50–311.50
Three months	305 50–306 00
T/O	1,800
Tone	Steady, but quiet

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	709 00–709 50
Three months	704.00–704.50
T/O	2,225
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	730 00–734 00
Three months	724 00–726.00
T/O	500
Tone	Quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	500.0–502.0
Three months	516 0–518 0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	500 0–502 0
Three months	516 0–518 0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	911 00–912.00
Three months	929 00–929.50
T/O	4,175
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	4580–4590
Three months	4530–4540
T/O	300
Tone	Firm

Total lots traded
Wheat 168
Barley 33

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
London Gold Futures were unquoted yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 1

GB: Cattle, 97.02p per kg lw (+0.95).
GB: Sheep, 243.19p per kg est d c w (–4.48).
GB: Pigs, 82.00p per kg lw (+4.27)

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 7.2 per cent, ave. price, 97.37p (+1.16).
Sheep nos. up 33.1 per cent, ave. price, 242.70p (–7.79).
Pig nos. up 16.3 per cent, ave. price, 82.00p (+4.27).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 23.3 per cent, ave. price, 95.54p (+0.12).
Sheep nos. up 16.5 per cent, ave. price, 247.85p (+22.99).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£120.00	£114.90
Jly	£123.50	–
Sep	£99.40	£98.85
Nov	£102.50	£102.30
Jan	£106.15	£105.80
Mar	£109.40	£109.25

Total lots traded
Wheat 168
Barley 33

APPOINTMENTS

John Addey Associates: Mr Robert Burrow, Mrs Gillian Selzer and Mr John Williams have become partners.

Gartmore Investment Management: Mr Stephen Hinchliffe has been made managing director (Finance and Administration).

Carmeron Markby: Mr Roy Griggs has become a partner.

Bischoff & Co: Mr R Bernstein has joined the partnership.

Laing Properties (UK): Mr Geoffrey Glover has been appointed deputy managing director.

Cartransport: Mr Alan Buckle has been made managing director.

Air Caledonian: Mr Alastair Pugh has been appointed executive vice-chairman and director of strategy with Mr Trevor Boud, named as a second executive vice-chairman.

Jones Lang Wootton: Mr Bill Monk, Mr Dick Harvey, Mr Geoffrey Pentecost, Mr Martyn Lewis and Mr Malcolm Naish have been appointed partners.

Richards Butler & Co: Mr K. G. Elmslie become senior partner and Mr D. L. Marchese, Mr N. A. Roche, Mr A. R. M. Morgan, Mr R. P. S. Philipps and Mr N. J. Fisher become partners from tomorrow.

Capital & Counties: Mr Dennis Marler has been elected chairman from July 26 and will succeed Mr Keith Wallis who will remain on the board.

Samsonite-Europe: Mr Maurice Cohen has been appointed vice-president buiness development.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Chge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
180	162	Aberdeen	171	+2	9.4b	5.5	..
101	87½	Alba	96	–1	2.0b	2.1	..
686	580	Alliance	685	+2	24.6	3.6	..
158	118	Anglo Trust	124	..	4.1b	3.3	..
302	264	Ang Amer Sec	272	+2	8.1	3.0	..
145	129	Askdown	132	+1	3.9	3.0	..
109	87	Atlantic Assets	106	..	2.7	2.6	..
102	83	Bankers	93	..	3.5b	3.8	..
184	167	Berry	170	–1	4.4b	2.6	..
178	152	Border & Sthrn	165	+1	4.7	2.9	..
167	100	Br Amer Gen	104	+1	3.7	3.6	..
215	192	Br Assets	195	..	5.9b	3.0	..
30½	26	Br Empire Sec	28½	..	1.3	4.5	..
373	325	British Inv	343	+3	10.5b	3.0	..
75	64	Brunner	73	+1	2.9	3.9	..
89	72	Charter Agency	83	+1	3.1b	3.7	..
695	595	Continental	630	..	25.7b	4.1	..
178	140	Crescent Japan	152	+2	1.1	0.8	..
485	365	Delta	415	..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inc	100	..	10.2	10.2	..
103	95	Dd Cap	98	..	..	..	..
295	264	Drayton Cons	287	+2	12.7	4.4	..
148	129	Drayton Far East	131	..	7.5	5.7	..
420	348	Drayton Japan	389	+1	3.5	1.0	..
412	363	Drayton Premier	393	+3	18.2	4.6	..
180	162	Dunbar Lon	177	+1	8.7	3.8	..
118	99	Edin Amer Asset	99	..	0.6	0.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	109	+1	4.1	3.7	..
292	254	Electric Gen	272	..	4.8b	1.8	..
291	228	English Int	242	+1	9.6b	3.9	..
78	68	English Scot	69	+1	1.8	2.6	..
108½	91	English NY	104	+1	3.5	3.4	..
97	88	F EC Alliance	88	+1	2.4	2.7	..
156	140	F&C Pacific	144	+2	3.4	2.7	..
216	185	Family	216	+6	9.9	4.6	..
275	242	First Scot Amer	253	..	12.9b	5.1	..
190	160	First Un Gen	180	+5	8.7b	4.9	..
500	440	Fleming American	488	+5	7.5	1.5	..
280	235	Fleming Claver	258	..	12.4	4.8	..
258	233	Fleming Enterprise	256	..	11.1	4.4	..
358	280	Fleming Far East	280	+2	2.9	1.0	..
188	159	Fleming Fledgling	168	..	2.6	3.1	..
500	466	Fleming Japan	493	+5	4.3	0.9	..
118	108	Fleming Mercantile	116	..	4.3b	3.7	..
134	108	Fleming Overseas	109	+1	3.3b	3.1	..
165	139	Fleming Tst	161	..	3.1	2.2	..
324	278	Fleming Universal	286	+2	11.4	4.0	..
74	60½	For Col	68	+1½	1.8	2.8	..
121	82	GBC Capital	100	..	..	..	..
165	146	GT Japan	153	+2	2.0b	1.3	..
618	556	General Funds	583	+3	13.6	2.3	..
261	230	General Cons	248	+1	13.1	5.3	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Chge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
125	109	Glasgow Stock	113	..	2.9	2.6	..
276	251	Globe	258	+1	12.9	5.0	..
222	202	Greenfriar	217	+2	2.3	1.1	..
252	215	Gresham House	252	..	4.1b	1.6	..
153	138	Hambros	154	+1	5.4	3.5	..
254	235	Hill (P)	241	+1	13.2	5.5	..
268	236	Invest-in Success	262	..	7.8	3.0	..
235	212	Ivory	218	+2	5.2b	2.4	..
62	51	Japan Assets	54	+½	0.1	0.1	..
328	272	Lake View	286	+1	6.6	2.3	..
191	165	Law Debenture	172	..	7.9	4.6	..
88	68	Lon Merchant Sec	85	+1	2.8	3.3	..
107	88	Lon Trust	88	..	2.5	2.8	..
98	86	Merchants	93	..	3.4b	3.6	..
174	147	Monks	154	+1	3.4b	2.2	..
118	108	Murray Income	116	+1	6.4b	5.5	..
96	85	Murray Growth	94	+1	2.0	2.1	..
134	112	Murray Ind	121	+2	6.4	5.3	..
169	153	Murray Small	170	+1	3.5	1.9	..
292	270	Murray Venture	287	..	6.3b	2.2	..
393	360	New Court	389	..	20.4	5.7	..
77	67	New Darien Ol	75	+1	0.5	0.6	..
178	162	NSR	162	–3	6.7	4.1	..
38½	37	Wedlock Int 63	38½	..	3.2b	8.3	..
243	180	New Tokyo	232	+5	2.1	1.1	..
324	274	New Atlantic Sec	278	..	4.8	1.6	..
123	104	Nth Sea Assets	109	+1	0.7	0.7	..
283	226	Nthn Amer	243	–1	7.7	3.2	..
135	120	Nthern	129	..	4.1	3.2	..
48	32	Personal Assets	38	..	0.6	1.5	..
340	305	Raeburn	316	+1	13.6	4.3	..
137	125	Riber & Merc	129	..	7.1	5.5	..
198	168	River Plate	214	..	10.3	4.8	..
182	168	Robeco	172	+2	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	157	..	..	..	..
287	233	Rosehy	242	..	6.6	2.7	..
11½	10	Scandinavian	2.70½	+¼	..	..	..
113	96	St Andrews	103	..	3.7	3.6	..
273	241	Scottish	255	+1	7.4	2.9	..
236	211	Scot American	229	+1	8.8	3.8	..
187	145	Scot Eastern	153	..	5.4	3.5	..
406	356	Scot Mtge	376	+1	10.7b	2.8	..
243	212	Scot Mot	219	..	6.1	2.8	..
129	118	Scot Nthn	128	+2	4.7	3.6	..
390	338	Scot Merc 'A'	375	..	13.1	3.5	..
596	500	Second Alliance	544	..	20.4b	3.7	..
121	108	Sec Of Scotland	117	+1	5.7b	4.9	..
78	64	Smaller Cos	75	+2	2.4	3.2	..
97	82	Stewart Enterp	96	..	3.6	3.8	..
148	112	Stockholders	128	+1	3.4	2.6	..
100	87	Tr Australia	90	..	2.9	3.3	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Chge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
85	78	Tr City Of Lon Dis	84	+1	4.4b	5.3	..
155	133	Tr Ind & Gen	144	+1	4.8b	3.3	..
255	234	Tr Natural Res	248	–1	10.7	4.4	..
232	198	Tr North America	208	..	4.9b	2.6	..
253	218	Tr Pacific Basin	253	+5	2.2	1.1	..
145	124	Tr Property	135	..	4.7	3.4	..
101	85	Tr Tech	99	..	2.4	2.6	..
137	124	Tr Trustees	134	+1	5.2b	3.9	..
122	111	Temple Bar	117	+1	6.6	5.7	..
228	211	Throgmorton	227	..	10.7	4.5	..
280	248	Throg Secured Cap	268	+3	..	..	..
167	147	Throg Economic	155	+1	4.3b	3.1	..
129	108	Tribune	127	+1	3.2	3.0	..
78½	74	Trojan inv Inc	74½	..	13.4	17.5	..
218	198	US Debenture	204	..	9.3	4.8	..
82	71	Viking Resource	74	..	1.8	2.2	..
92	81	Westpool	81	+2	2.8	3.4	..
110	88	Wimbledon Energy	101	+1	1.9	1.9	..
189	159	Wiren	159	..	3.8	2.5	..
284	259	Yeoman	280	..	12.3	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

					Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
410	315	Alwyd & Brothers	338	..	23.6	7.0	13.0
97½	81½	Amerton Express	92½	+½	..	..	..
30	28	Ansbacher	30	+2	..	..	16.3
86	63	Bicknell	82	+7	..	..	..
115	88	Britannia Arrow	98	–1	3.6	3.8	14.1
113	93	C.H. Pacific	93	..	..	..	..
41	25	Do Warrants	29	–1	..	..	..
137	124	Daily Mail	137	..	16.0	4.3	13.8
137	124	Do 'A'	137	..	16.0	4.4	13.4
127	113	Electra	125	+2	5.5	4.1	12.9
101	80	Exco	93	..	4.3b	4.3	14.0
745	526	Exco	673	+19	12.9	1.9	14.0
98	68	Extel	92	..	3.4	3.7	12.2
125	125	First Charlotte	125	+½	0.1	0.8	..
775	700	Frasershon	700	..	12.8	1.8	18.6
88	56	Frost (J) & (S)	88	+2	4.0	4.5	13.0
105	44	Goode (D & M)	105	..	1.6	1.6	17.4
705	570	Harrison Admin	655	–10	15.7	2.4	13.9
9½	9½	M & G	9½	..	17.9	3.2	21.8
445	323	Martin (RP)	445	..	17.8	4.0	16.7
288	231	Mercantile House	282	..	17.5	6.1	12.3
405	340	Mills & Allen	380	+8	20.5	5.5	11.1
118	83	Smith Brothers	113	+2	7.9	7.0	4.8

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates edged a little higher recognizing diminishing chances of another base rate cut.

The yield curve is saying that the chances of another reduction within the next three months now seem fairly remote. They are not likely to be enhanced by the next set of money supply figures, due to be announced next Tuesday.

The pound appears to be set in a trading range that is not likely to offer sufficient elbow-room for the banks to become venturesome.

Day-to-day money opened on 13-12⅞ per cent but came off during the morning to 12¾-½ per cent.

The market closed around 12 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½-12¾
Finance House 13½

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12¾ Low 12
Week fixed: 12⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 12	2 months 11⅞
3 months 11⅝	3 months 11⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month 12⅝–12¾	2 months 12⅝–12⅝
3 months 12

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Beer shares froth on hopes of strong results season

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Drink shares led a spirited stock market display yesterday. With the brewery profits season due to get underway in a few weeks investment attention was focused on the industry, with both national and regional groups making often heady progress.

Mr Kevin Feeny of W Greenwell, the broker said: "The sector is looking good because people expect a reasonable crop of results".

Wood, Mackenzie, the broker, has turned positive on the sector and likes Allied-Lyons, Bass and Grand Metropolitan.

But not all beer profits are going to be strong. For example, Grand Metropolitan is still suffering from the price "war" in the American unbranded cigarette market. L Messel and Co, the broker, is one forecasting lower interim profits – down from £147 million to £125 million.

Even so Grand Met joined in the fun yesterday, rising 3p to 291p. Allied-Lyons gained 4p to 180p and Bass jumped 17p to 534p.

Arthur Guinness and Sons; Whitbread and Greenall, Whitley, the largest regional, were others to move ahead.

Spirit stocks also gained support. Distillers Co was 7p higher at 288p. Wood, Mackenzie has raised its year's forecast to £232 million from £220 million. And the broker thinks Arthur Bell is oversold – it moved up 8p to 143p

Away from the drinks pitch trading was often down to the merest trickle with one of the quietest days on the market for a long while. The total number of recorded bargains was only 19,166.

Thorn EMI, for the second day in succession, attracted the takeover spotlight. The shares surged 25p to 469p at one time before resting at 456p. There is considerable American and Swiss buying and persistent talk of a bidder lurking.

RCA is the American favourite to bid and Philips of Holland the Continental contender. From these shores the General Electric Company is the most expected bidder.

If a takeover is being planned, the time is probably ripe to strike. At one time last year Thorn, was riding at 700p.

At the close the FT 30 share index was registering a 7 point gain at 978.4 points. The more broadly based FT-SE share index finished above 1,300 points at 1,301.5 points, a gain of 10.5 points.

The cheerful CBI survey and interest rate hopes were two influences which helped overall market sentiment. But gilts were weak on the back of the slight retreat by sterling.

Among insurance brokers, Minet Holdings was depressed. It tumbled 11p to 233p ahead of a statement expected today detailing heavy underwriting losses at its Richard Beckett subsidiary.

Midsummer Inns, the former CAMRA (Real Ale) Investments, returned to market as the company disclosed it was moving further onto the disco wavelength.

Once the commercial arm of the Campaign for Real Ale, Midsummer then concentrated on running a chain of traditional pubs. It was taken over, after a bitter battle, last year by pub and disco entrepeneurs Mr Adam Page and Mr Paul Reece.

Now it is paying £1.552 million in cash and shares for the leisure interests of Messrs Page and Reece. They range from discos to pubs.

Before yesterday's deal Midsummer had acquired three discos, a snooker club, a roller skating rink and a number of pubs. More acquisitions are in the pipeline. The shares closed at 270p after touching 280p. They were suspended at 225p.

Cadbury-Schweppes shares put on 5p to 164p as market men heard that the company visited De Zoete & Bevan on Tuesday. The broking firm says "we have for some time considered the shares a long-term buy, and we simply reaffirm that position".

Bassett Foods, also well-known for its confections, rose 8p to 191p, still on the back of takeover hopes. The shares are a regular favourite with market speculators, and there is evey chance Avana Foods and other potential buyers will have another go at swallowing Bassett. Avana made a takeover attempt a year ago.

Northern Foods, also tipped as a bid target, stayed firm, the shares rising 2p to 240p. The company has issued a profit forecast of "not less than £53.3 million" for 1984/5 alongside its details to shareholders of its acquisition of Express Dairy.

BAT Industries received a boost from the results of its Brazilian subsidiary. BAT shares rose 9p to 320p.

Among tea producers and merchants, **Eastern Produce** was still suffering from the weakening world tea price. Eastern shares lost another 15p to 308p, making a two-day loss of more than 20p.

Banks were strong, helped by the £490 million cash raising exercise by **Lloyds Bank**, which rose 10p to 559p.

There is market suggestions that Lloyds is contemplating a bid – or at least a significant shareholding – in Mercury Securities, parent company of the S. G. Warburg merchant bank.

Mercury is assembling a financial group, to be called Mercury International Group which will embrace its own interests as well as three stock exchange firms, Akroyd and Smithers, Rowe and Pitman and Mullens and Co. It is widely believed that MIG would welcome the financial resources accompanying a Lloyds link. Lloyds has so far not formed an association with a Stock Exchange firm.

Lloyds and Mercury both said yesterday that they did not comment on market rumours.

Oil shares edged pennies higher, though **Tricentrol** showed an early burst of speed as the City looked toward last night's meeting between the company and Enterprise Oil. A bid is expected for Tricentrol, and Enterprise has taken what looks more and more like an aggressive stake in the company.

Tricentrol shares jumped to 260p early on, but later settled for a 9p rise to 255p. An offer of, initially, about 300p is expected, though such a bid is likely to be strongly contested. Enterprise shares edged 1p better to 196p, having shown a 1p loss earlier in the day.

Investment interest subsided on the life assurance pitches, after two days of sustained buying, but prices stayed firm, rising or falling by just 2p or 3p across the lists. Prices among composite insurance shares were in a similar "little change" mood.

There is, apparently, no link between yesterday's Lloyd's cash deal, which does away with the need for a rights issue, and any intentions it may nurse towards Mercury, or its proposed constituents.

The Lloyds floating rate note is regarded by some observers as the most encouraging move in the banking world for a long while. Bank shares have never fully recovered from recent budget moves but Mr Rod Barrett at Hoare Govett, the broker, feels the sector could now become much more confident.

On the stores pitches, bid hopes remain high, with **Owen Owen** – the department store chain – jumping another 27p to 255p. That makes a rise of 65p in the past two days and is a new price peak for the shares.

Owen Owen is reckoned to have assets worth about 600p a share, but is family controlled, making any takeover difficult without board agreement. Full year results are due from the group, and market men also hope to see an improvement on the loss shown in the first half.

Solicitors Law Stationery shares rose 1p to 36p as the company's board showed signs of resistance to the full takeover of the company by Mr Robert Maxwell.

Waring & Gillow held steady at 149p yesterday as the £25 million offer from the Hopecastle consortium came to a close. Mr Cyril Spencer, leading Hopecastle and former chairman of Burton Group, confidently expected to move into W & G today, backed by an acceptance level of about 90 per cent. The company, one of Britain's best known furniture retailers, can expect big changes. Mr Spencer believes he can put W & G back on a growth course in the next two years – and in three the shares can be back on the public list.

Saatchi & Saatchi shares recoverd 20p to 615p yesterday as the company met City institutions at a lunch given by Quilter, Goodison, the stockbroker. The advertising agency group is not expected to have any trouble with its £100 million rights issue, and the City men think Tuesday's share price fall, as the stock went ex-rights, was overdone.

Shares of Tottenham Hotspur jumped 9p to 78p yesterday. The football club has been granted permission to build homes on its 11 acre training ground at Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. Spurs shares came to the stock market in 1983 at 100p each.

Traded option highlights

Business in the traded options market was slack again with traders much more interested still in the upcoming new currency contract. The exchange will offer a dollar/sterling option from May 16.

Three firms have applied to join in on this market, including Standard Chartered Bank and Rudolf Wolff, the commodity broker, which intend to make a market.

Meanwhile, yesterday saw a total of 4,807 contracts change hands, with Lourho British Telecom and BATs showing the largest volumes, though no contract broached the 1,000 mark.

Optimistic forecast on base rate fall

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Base rates will fall to 10½ per cent in about three months and to 9½ per cent by the quarter of the year, according to a new forecast from the stockbroker Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin.

The forecast, prepared on a 77-equation economic model, is, however, pessimistic about mortgage rates, forecasting a decline to 12¾ per cent by the fourth quarter, from 14 per cent. In the first half of next year, when base rates are forecast to drop 8½ per cent, mortgage rates will remain high at 11¾ per cent.

The optimism on base rates comes from the expectation of a small fall in overseas trates, the continued flow of capital into London because of high British real interest rates and the Government's desire not to see sterling appreciate too far for reasons of competitiveness.

The short-term optimism of the forecast gives way to longer-term gloom, with slower economic growth of about 1-1½ per cent a year; higher inflation at 5¾ to 6¼ per cent and no reduction in unemployment from the present 3¼-3½ million dominating the outlook for the latter part of the eighties.

NatWest to reorganize services

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

National Westminster is to reorganize its branch network with the creation of 150 corporate branches to serve business customers. The new style branches will be developed at existing offices between 1986 and 1990.

From July NatWest will further develop its service branch system where small outlets are linked to larger branches. The system will be expanded in about 300 locations.

NatWest's strategy is in line with other clearing banks. Midland Bank and Barclays have been reorganizing their branch networks to cater for the differing needs of corporate and personal customers by concentrating sophisticated corporate services at key locations instead of trying to provide the full service range at every branch.

NatWest's strategy is likely to lead to the closure of 50 branches, including sub branches, by 1990 on top of the 50 branches likely to close because branch rationalization.

NatWest said yesterday the corporate branches should create more jobs

TEMPUS

Foseco Minsep justifies City confidence

Foseco Minsep, the specialist chemicals group, yesterday produced yearly results that fully justify its growing City following. Pretax profits rose 67 per cent from £20.6 million to £34.5 million thanks largely to a strong recovery in the businesses that supply chemicals to the steel and foundry industries.

The miners' strike cost the group about £1 million in lost profits. Declining construction activity in the Middle East was another adverse factor. But Unicorn improved its trading profits substantially

The Middle East will remain difficult this year, vindicating the group's decision to broaden its geographical base in construction-related chemicals by acquiring Gibson-Homans in the United States.

The steel industry still accounts for about a quarter of Foseco's turnover and the 10 per cent upturn in world production witnessed last year certainly will not be repeated in 1985.

Foseco has taken a series of steps in recent years to limit the effect of downturns in steel production on its profitability. So, even in the face of this less encouraging outlook, the group as a whole should be able to make profits of approaching £40 million in 1985.

Gearing, which has been chased up to nearly 50 per cent by the cash outlay for Gibson-Homans, should also look a good deal better by the end of the year. The group is generating cash strongly.

Foseco shares, have outperformed the market since the beginning of this year but even at 227p, where the prospective p/e is 8 and the yield 5.2 per cent, still look worth having.

Geers Gross

Geers Gross shares fell 5p to 138p in the wake of yesterday's yearly profits announcement, despite an increase from £1.2 million to £1.8 million at the pretax level. The reason was disappointment that the board did not take the opportunity to lift the dividend, which has remained unchanged for three years.

The company might argue with logic that profits have only now returned to the level of 1982, but that takes little account of investors' amnesia. Neither does it betoken confidence that last year's heartening improvement will continue.

The question-mark over the group's quality of earnings is raised by the fact that much of the 1984 profits increase has come from the New York operation, both in terms of margins and levels of activity. The US end is expected to grow as a proportion of the whole, but that hardly allays the fears of uncommited British investors. American advertising has a reputation on this side of the Atlantic for being rough, tough and unpredictable and Geers Gross has had its troubles there before.

However, the company has struck a 10-year deal with Eurocom in return for a 10 per cent holding in Geers Gross. The group's trade and technical offshoot has now been formally been brought into the mainstream of the business, which is only good housekeeping.

These figures bring Geers' p/e ratio into line with that of Saatchi and arguably it has the greater growth potential. But Saatchi has the proven record.

Grieveson, Grant

In the sophisticated poker game which is the stock market the investor still has to pay due regard to the motto of the gamblers' of the Wild West: 'Know when to hold them, know when to fold them'. To assist with this arduous task there is a wealth of printed matter issued by the broking houses which regularly hit City desks.

Yesterday, Grieveson, Grant launched another circular, but rather than add to the reading material mountain it is designed to ease the burden of investment managers. The *Equity Market Review* is a monthly publication which should take no more than 10 minutes to read but which it is hoped will provide a clear and concise view of the British equity market.

What is different about this one? The review focuses more on sectors than individual companies, and by analysing earnings growth and relating this to relative price earnings ratios Grieveson, Grant identifies sectors which appear cheap.

There is no unique calculation or ratio which the brokers have discoverd: the accuracy of their forecast still depends very much on the skill of individual analysts. However, the information is presented in a novel way and the objectives of brevity and clarity are fulfilled admirably.

According to Grieveson, Grant sectors which appear cheap at the moment include electronics, electricals, mechanical engineering and construction. Special circumstances are not ignored and Grieveson, Grant also include a list of recommended shares, which will not always correspond with the cheap sectors. This monh's recommendations include Tarmac, GEC, BTR, Ladbroke, BET and Barclays Bank.

Nurdin & Peacock

Nurdin & Peacock's persistent ability to improve its profits performance continues to amaze the City. The cash and carry company seems to go from strength to strength.

Yesterday, it unveiled record pretax profits of £13.2 million, up from £12 million, and there is now talk that it will make £15 million this year.

The key to the improvement is increased sales. Nurdin & Peacock has benefited substantially from the introduction of its own label cigarettes and the continued strength of its own wine and spirits.

The shares closed up 2p at 180p. They have had a good run in recent months, up from 120p, and there is a question over how much further the rerating will go.

Traditionally, Nurdin & Pacock has merited a premium which the market is not really prepared to grant at the moment. However, given the company's excellent record and its prospects for growth there is still room for some improvement in the price although the shares are not outrageously cheap.

Tricentrol 'would resist' any bid

By Alison Eadie

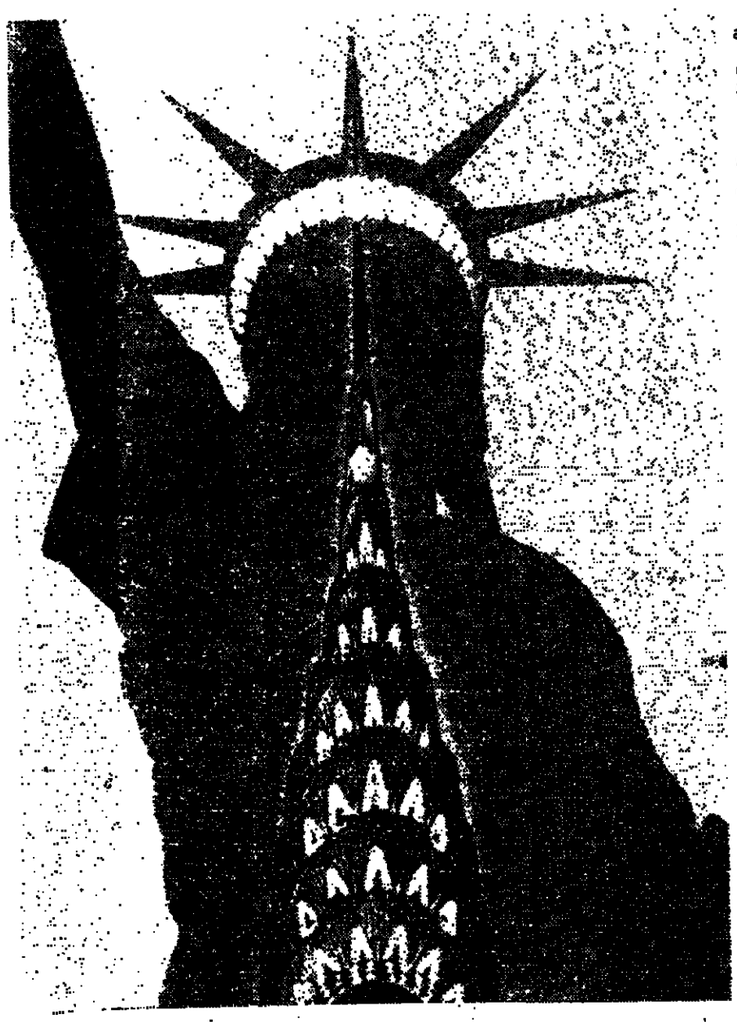
Mr James Longcroft, chairman of Tricentrol, said at yesterday's annual meeting that he did not believe there would be a takeover bid for Tricentrol and, if there were, it would be strongly resisted.

He admitted he was meeting Mr Graham Hearne, chairman of Enterprise Oil, but last night he said he regularly met the chairmen of other oil companies to discuss matters of mutual interest. Enterprise holds 4.7 per cent of Tricentrol's ordinary shares.

Tricentrol's first quarter results, also announced yesterday, showed pretax income up 3.5 per cent at £8.9 million. Interest charges were £1.4 million higher at £3.3 million due partly to interest on the £28.4 million debt obtained to finance Tricentrol's acquisition of 17.5 per cent of Wytch Farm.

Britain's contribution to pretax profit rose 10.4 per cent to £7.4 million.

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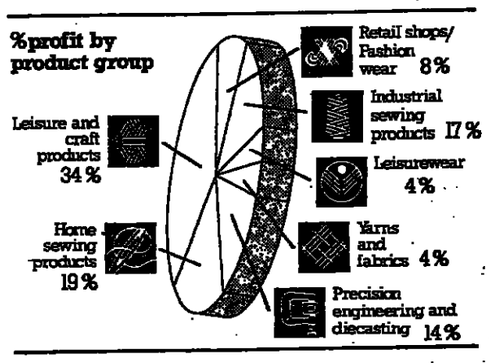
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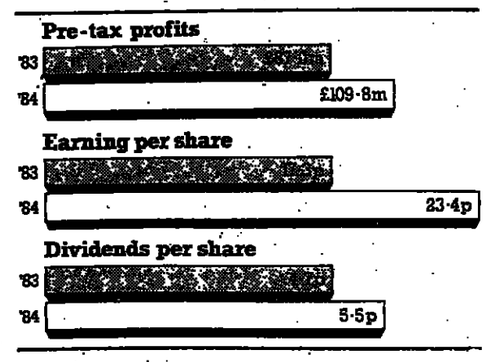
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Highlights from the Review of Activities and the Statement of the Chairman, Sir William Coats:

Turnover up 21%; profit up 26%; earnings per share up 35%; final dividend up 20%

The year 1984 has been a notable one for your company in that we have achieved £1,000 million of turnover and £100 million of profit before tax. When the year began we had been hopeful of reaching the latter but thought it unlikely that turnover would pass the billion pound mark.

The Board consider that the results justify an increase in the final dividend from 3.2p to 3.85p making a total increase for the year of 17%.

Product groups

The past year has seen a heightened general awareness of the extensive range of the group's manufacturing and trading interests and we also continue to benefit from the wide geographical spread of our activities.

Although traditional trades still feature strongly in the overall performance of the group, and will continue to do so, the product groups – leisure and craft products, retail shops/fashionwear, precision engineering and diecasting – account for over 50% of the group turnover and trading profit. Our policy is directed towards further development of these trades either through expansion or acquisition.

In pursuance of that policy we purchased during the year Aero Needles of Redditch, and Schachenmayr, Mann & Cie, a leading handknitting yarn manufacturer in West Germany. Both companies are performing well and with some reorganisation will become very profitable additions to the group.

Prospects

We look forward to 1985 with confidence, provided there are no violent swings in those exchange rates which are most important to us.

Results Highlights

	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	1,076.0	888.0
Trading profit	121.8	94.5
Pre-tax profit	109.8	87.0
Capital expenditure (including leasing and companies acquired)		
– U.K.	26.7	17.4
– Total	69.9	49.1
Net cash flow	(27.3)	(8.8)
Gearing	31%	28%
Earnings per share	23.4p	17.3p
C.C. earnings per share	12.5p	7.0p
Dividends per share net – Interim (paid on 31.12.84)	1.65p	1.5p
– Final (payable on 1.7.85)	3.85p	3.2p
Number of employees		
– U.K.	14,400	15,200
– Total	42,900	43,500

(The figures for the year to 31st December 1984 are abridged from the Group's full accounts which will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting).

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

In accordance with the authority provided by resolutions of the Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders passed on 29th April, 1981, the Board of Management has decided that the share capital of the Company be increased from F859,202,400 to F1,031,042,800 by the application of the sum of F171,840,400 (standing to the credit of the Company's reserves) in paying up in full 1,718,404 new shares of F100 and by the allotment of the same free from all encumberances to the shareholders.

Such 1,718,404 new shares numbered 8,678,014 to 10,396,417 inclusive carry the right to dividends in respect of all periods after 31st December, 1984 and are issued subject to the provisions of the statutes of the Company in all other respects.

The new shares will rank pari passu and form a single class with the existing issued shares. Both the new and the old shares will participate to the same extent in the profits for all financial periods after 31st December, 1984 and in any repayment or partial repayment of the nominal amount of their capital.

In accordance with the provisions of article 18 of the statutes of the Company, as regards both the assets and the profits of the Company, all such shares carry the right in proportion to the amount of capital represented by each share, to the payment of equal net sums in any distribution or capital repayment, whether in a liquidation or otherwise, so that for this purpose all liabilities to tax which may be assumed by the Company and the benefit of exemptions from tax which may accrue directly to the Company will be deemed to be aggregated and apportioned equally among the shares.

Such 1,718,404 new shares will be allotted among the holders of the existing issued shares, numbered 1 to 6,882,385 and 6,968,375 to 8,678,013 inclusive, on the basis of 1 new share for every 5 shares held, ignoring fractional entitlements.

Shareholders who would be entitled to fractions of a new share may assign their rights to fractional entitlements to another such holder, save that no joint allotment will be made and the Company will not recognise more than one holder for a single share.

As required by law, the right to receive an allotment will be negotiable in the same way as a share.

The right to receive an allotment will be exercised by the transfer of the rights to SICOVAM.

A holder of existing issued shares may transfer his right to receive an allotment of new shares. The transferee will then become subrogated to the rights and obligations of the original holder as regards the exercise of such right to receive an allotment.

The new shares will be issued, to the order of the allottee, in registered or bearer form.

Requests for allotment may be made on and after 6th May, 1985, free of charge, at the following paying agent's offices:—

In France: Crédit Lyonnais, Banque Paribas, Société Générale, Banque Worms, Crédit du Nord, Banque Indosuez, Banque Belge (France), Banque Nationale de Paris, Caisse Centrale des Banques Populaires, Crédit Commercial de France, Crédit Foncier de France, Crédit Industriel et Commercial, Banque de l'Union Européenne, Banque Vernes et Commerciale de Paris

In the United Kingdom: S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., Crédit Lyonnais, Banque Paribas, Société Générale

The unconsolidated Balance Sheet of the Company at 31st December, 1984, was published in the Bulletin des Annonces Legales Obligatoires dated 4th April, 1985, page 1,132.

Application is being made for quotation in Paris of the 1,718,404 new capitalisation shares, numbered 8,678,014 to 10,396,417 inclusive, and of the rights to receive the allotment of such shares. Application is also being made to the Council of The Stock Exchange in London for admission of the new shares to the Official List. Dealings in the new shares are expected to commence in Paris on 6th May, 1985, and in London on 7th May, 1985.

André Levy-Lang
President of the Board of Management
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Firm cashes in on call for high-tech space

By Judith Huntley

The Basingstoke office market has been in the news in the last few months but the industrial market shows signs of picking up too.

Sherfield Investments, the property company set up in 1979 by Mr Barrie Munn, a solicitor, and Mr Richard Francis, a retired dentist, has cashed in on the demand for high quality, small offices and production space for local electronics companies.

The development, called the Intec scheme has recently achieved several lettings. It comprises five buildings, the first has been occupied by Telematics International for some time. Intec 2 has 60,220 sq ft and there are enquiries on all the units, which range from 1,250 sq ft to 5,000 sq ft.

Intec 4 has been taken by the Woking-based Micro Devices. Large local companies are interested in taking Intec 5 with 45,000 sq ft of space. Rents on Intec 4 are £7.50 per sq ft with £9 per sq ft likely for the planned Intec 5.

Royal Life has funded Intec 1, 4 and 5 and part of the development is to be sold to the insurance company for £12 million. Sherfield will keep three buildings in its portfolio. The company has just agreed funding for a 30,000 sq ft scheme close to Basingstoke.

It is believed that the Oxford University Pension Fund is putting up the money for the project which will be similar to Intec, to show a return of 7.5 per cent with a base rent of £7.50 per sq ft.

The strength of the market for property aimed at high technology companies can be seen from a decision by Sun Alliance to invest £25 million in 300,000 sq ft of space on a 16-acre site at Kings Langley in Hertfordshire, for such users.

Its development will be similar to those already built at Kembrey Park in Swindon, Wiltshire and Linford Wood, Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. Sun Alliance has bought the site from the Dickinson Robinson Group. It is two miles from Junction 20 of the M25.

The insurance company is considering selling freeholds at Dolittle Meadows, as the scheme is known, a new venture for this kind of flexible development aimed at the electronics industries. Sun Alliance secured the site after negotiations with a leading Government electronics and defence contractor broke down. J. R. Eve and Aitchisons acted for the vendor.

Another large site is being marketed for high technology development and so far no price has been revealed. The Commission for the New Towns is selling 35 acres of land in Bracknell, Berkshire, with flexible planning terms on offer. Drivers Jonas is offering the site for sale by informal tender and says that developers and high technology companies are already showing interest.

Bank lending on upward spiral a decade after the crash

Bank lending to property companies is growing rapidly and has doubled in the last two years to reach £1.19 billion of extra loans in 1984, according to Debenham Tewson & Chinnock's update of its "Money into Property" report.

The escalating involvement of the banks in lending to property companies is reminiscent of the heady days before the property crash in 1974 when similar rapid rises were seen.

There are significant differences between the climate then and now, but the signs are there that the banks are heavily involved in property again. This is in spite of the sector's relatively unexciting performance recently and the high cost of borrowing money, at 14 per cent, which must be putting a big burden on small developers.

Those who experienced the collapse of the property market a decade ago may remember the level of bank lending to property companies then. Bank advances leapt from £30 million in 1970 to the peak of £1.26 billion three years later, a figure which would now be £2.5 billion, taking inflation into account.

While the present flow of lending at £1.19 billion is less than half that at the height of the property boom which became a crash, the current rapid build up of lending is taking a similar path.

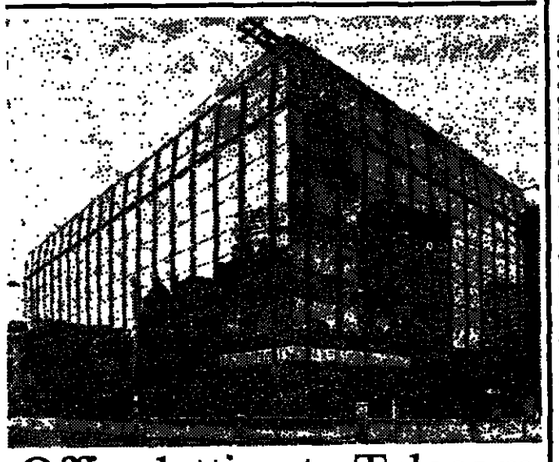
After the property crash, the banks kept clear of the sector with disinvestment evident for some time. Things began to pick up in 1979 and in 1982 the banks lent £684 million to property companies. By 1983 that figure shot up to £969 million.

There is also evidence that the fall in institutional investment in property seen over the last two years has been halted. The Central Statistical Office figures for last year show that the institutions put £1.54 billion into commercial property, marginally more than in 1983 and enough to suggest that the slide in investment from the peak of £2,259 billion in 1981, has bottomed out.

Property now seems an attractive proposition compared with other investment opportunities. The stock market had an exceptionally good year last year and gilts offered attractive rates of return. Property, by comparison was dull.

The larger cash flow into property last year is entirely due to the pension funds which increased their rate of investment by 25 per cent to £685 million, while the insurance companies drew back on investment.

Turnover in institutional portfolios was a feature of 1984 with acquisitions rising by 15 per cent. Conversely, disposals last year were up 400 per cent on the 1980 level, a symptom of the need to manage property portfolios actively.



Office letting to Telecom sets a year-long high

British Telecom, the ubiquitous occupier of office space, has taken 16,500 sq ft in No 1 Portland Street, Manchester, (above), the largest letting in the city centre for a year. The asking rent is £4.50 sq ft through W H Robinson and Healey & Baker acting for Courtaulds.

The letting has been done on the basis of a 10-year lease with five yearly reviews. The Property Services Agency acted for British Telecom.

The former Constitutional Club, also in the heart of the city, is up for sale by tender through Richard Ellis. The 31,000 sq ft listed building fronts Cross Street and is being sold by Barclays Bank and the Legal & General Assurance Society. Rental income from three ground floor shops is £26,600 a year.

Stockbroker's move breaks new ground

● **Haslemere Estates has let the whole of its 105,000 sq ft office development, Bury Court House, Bevis Marks, in the City of London, confirming previous reports in this column.**

The tenant is James Capel, the stockbroker, a fact which may be something of a surprise. James Capel is paying £24 to £25 a sq ft, a high price for a building in this location.

The move by a stockbroker to this part of the City indicates the shortage of the right kind of office space. Bevis Marks is far beyond the normal haunts of the broking firms, but Bury Court House was one of the few large buildings left on the market.

The deal bodes well for Great Portland Estates' scheme at Bishopsgate where rents of £30 a sq ft are the order of the day.

● **London Merchant Securities, the property and energy exploration company has let its Angel Centre office development in Islington, north London, to British Telecom.**

Hillier Parker let 12,000 sq ft, to Aston Montagu Life Insurance last year, at £12.50 a sq ft, but the remaining 162,000 sq ft has just been taken by BT. The company would not reveal how much its tenant is paying. LMS jointly developed the scheme with the Church Commissioners at a cost of £26 million.

LMS owned the site, through its New River Company holdings, but sold the freehold to the Church Commissioners, who leased it back to LMS on a long lease to their joint development company, Trendworthy Two.

● **Percy Bilton's attempts to improve the quality of its portfolio took a step further this week.**

Bilton has bought a 16-acre site at Leatherhead, Surrey, close to the M25 motorway, with planning consent for a high technology development. It would provide a good opportunity for more M-Tech schemes, a mix of office, research and development and production space, built by a Bilton subsidiary. The freeholds of four industrial estates have also been acquired.

In addition, Bilton has bought two freehold office buildings, totalling 700,000 sq ft, for £11.25 million from the Lesser Group. They are close to Heathrow Airport, in Staines Road, Hounslow. The properties are valued at £11.35 million but the market is saying £15 million is nearer the mark.

Analysts expect the purchases to add 10p to the asset backing of the company, the accounts of which are due next month. Profits are expected to be dull.

● **Dunlop House in London's St James's is back on the market.**

Laing Properties, one of the original underbidders, wants the building, located in one of the best parts of the West End.

The company wants to try a new approach to the building which was the headquarters of the Dunlop company and is now owned by BTR, the industrial holding company.

If Laing manages to buy Dunlop House, it will turn it into small office suites let on short term flexible leases. That would mean a break from the normal 25-year lease with five-year reviews on full repairing and insuring leases. The company also believes that the same philosophy could be applied to the City of London office market.

● **Country and New Town Properties has been exploring the possibilities of the Japanese property market with K K Halifax, one of the few foreign developers and brokers operating in Tokyo.**

Mr Gerald Newton, the chairman and managing director, has been out in the far East Australia and Canada looking at the market and took in Tokyo's property scene en route.

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Agenda

Ordinary general meeting business will be transacted in accordance with Swedish law and Articles of Association.

Notice of attendance

For the right to participate in the meeting, shareholders must notify the Board, at the Company's address in Göteborg, before noon on Monday 20 May, preferably in writing, of their intention to attend, giving details of name, address, telephone and shareholding. They must also be recorded in the shareholders' register kept by the Securities Register Centre (VPC AB, Box 7444, S-10391 Stockholm) by Tuesday 28 May.

Shareholders with holdings registered in banks or other authorized depositaries must temporarily re-register these in their own name by Monday 20 May to be able to participate in the Annual General Meeting.

Payment of dividends

The Board recommends that shareholders with holdings in the VPC AB records on 4 June be entitled to receive dividends for 1984. Subject to the Board's proposal being accepted by the Annual General Meeting, it is expected that the Securities Register Centre will send out notice of payment to recorded shareholders and listed depositaries on 11 June.

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Greenham women do qualify for vote

Hipperson and Others v Electoral Registration Officer for the District of Newbury and Another

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Glidewell

[Judgment delivered May 1]

The Greenham Common women who had lived on an encampment outside the airfield in an area which spanned both Department of Transport and common land were resident there for the purposes of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and their voting qualification was not destroyed by reason of illegality or unlawfulness of residence.

The Court of Appeal in a reserved judgment dismissed an appeal by Mr George Anthony Meyer from Judge Peck at Newbury County Court on March 13, 1984, who ordered that the names of Sarah Hipperson, Rebecca Johnson, Caroline Rebecca Wynn Griffiths, Naomi Griffiths, Sarah Charmain Green, Muriel Jane Dennett and Katrina Howse be reinstated on the Register of Electors for the Constituency of Newbury for 1985.

The 1983 Act provides:

"1 – (1) A person entitled to vote as an elector at a parliamentary election in any constituency is one who – (*a*) is resident there on the qualifying date . . . : and (*b*) on that date and on the date of the poll – (i) is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote (age apart); and (ii) is either a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; and (c) is of voting age (that is, 18 years or over) on the date of the poll . . .

"(3) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector in any constituency unless registered there in the register of parliamentary electors to be used at the election . . . ".

Section 2 deals with local government elections in similar terms.

By section 5 "(1) For the purposes of sections 1 and 2 above any question as to a person's residence on the qualifying date for an election – (*a*) shall be determined in accordance with the general principles formerly applied in determining questions as to a person's residence on a particular day of the qualifying period within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act 1918; and (*b*) in particular regard shall be had to the purpose and other circumstances, as well as to the fact, of his presence at or absence from the address in question . . .

"(3) A person who is detained at any place in legal custody shall not by reason thereof be treated for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 as resident there."

Mr George Newman, QC and Mr Gregory Mitchell for Mr Meyer; Mr Duncan Ouseley for the registration officer; Miss Elizabeth Woodcraft for Naomi Griffiths; Sarah Hipperson, Rebecca Johnson, Caroline Rebecca Wynn Griffiths, Sarah Charmain Green, Muriel Jane Dennett and Katrina Howse in person.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that voting rights lay at the root of parliamentary democracy.

The qualifying date for the Newbury district was October 10 in any year for the purposes of elections taking place in the 12 months beginning with February 16 in the following year.

Electoral registration officers published electoral lists based upon information acquired including therein the names of all those who claimed to be, and *prima facie* were, qualified for registration.

Anyone who appeared from the electoral list to be himself entitled to be registered objected to the registration of any other person, he made his objection to the electoral registration officer who inquired *into the objection and determined it* (section 10 (c)).

An appeal lay to the county court against the electoral registration officer's decision with a further appeal to the Court of Appeal whose decision was final.

The electoral registration officer for Newbury had included the names of the seven ladies in the electoral lists for the Newbury constituency and the electoral area of the Greenham Common neighbourhood. The lists were those which would form the basis of the 1985-6 electoral register.

Mr Meyer had objected to the inclusion of those names.

The seven ladies had all made a point of telling the court that each was committed to the anti-nuclear cause and Katrina Howse made it very clear that she held strong views about the position of men in society. Those facts were recorded because the ladies would wish them to be recorded, but the court disregarded them for all purposes.

Mr Meyer's objection related solely to residence. He contended that their residence lacked the necessary factual attributes for electoral purposes and that it had a criminal or quasi-criminal character which prevented their being treated or accepted as resident for electoral purposes even if they would otherwise be entitled to be registered.

It should be noted that while the 1983 Act moved further towards universal suffrage than some of its predecessors, it still approached the matter from the point of view of entitlement to vote in, and in respect of representation of the residents of, a particular area.

Residence was not defined in the Act but section 5 gave guidance.

The Greenham ladies at all material times lived on an encampment outside the airfield in an area which spanned the Department of Transport land and the common land. They slept there in vehicles, benders (a form of tent), in tents or in the open air.

Post addressed to them at the airfield main gate reached them regularly. It was their address for service in the proceedings.

They were all living in the camp on October 10, 1984 and been doing so for varying lengths of time. Some had been there for more than two years. Some had their names included in previous electoral registers.

Muriel Dennett had been a candidate in a local government election, her qualification being based upon inclusion in the register.

None of them was on any other electoral register.

On September 12, 1984, Mr Justice Macpherson granted the Department of Transport an order for possession of their land against three of the ladies and persons unknown. On March 9, 1983, Mr Justice Croom-Johnson had granted the Newbury District Council injunctions requiring the defendants including three of the ladies, *inter alia*, forthwith to vacate the common land and perpetually to refrain from entering it.

Judge Peck had said that he was satisfied that all the Greenham ladies had at times been in breach of the Greenham Common by-laws and all had at times been in breach of section 137 of the Highways Act 1980, penalty for wilful obstruction.

Both the registration officer and Judge Peck had held that the ladies were within the Greenham Common electoral area of the Newbury parliament constituency at the qualifying date. The registration officer had held that the unlawfulness of their residence disqualified them from inclusion upon the register. The judge had held that it did not.

Fox v Stirk ([1970] 2 QB 463) decided that (1) "reside" and "resident" were to be construed in their ordinary meanings, (2) regard was to be had to the general principles formerly applied and the purpose and other circumstances of the aspiring electors' presence at, or absence from, the address; (3) neither presence at nor absence from the address on the qualifying date was conclusive; (4) one could have more than one residence.

While it was accepted that the Greenham ladies were in occupation of the camp it was said that in terms of the 1983 Act they did not reside there. The court were unable to accept those submissions.

The Greenham ladies, other than those who had houses elsewhere might well be homeless in the purposes of the homeless persons legislation but to import considerations based upon the standard of accommodation into qualification for the franchise would be to put the clock back to the days when the franchise depended upon a property qualification and was quite unwarranted by anything in the 1983 Act.

It might be unusual to make one's home in a tent, bender or vehicle, but the court saw no reason why it should be impossible. The Greenham ladies had a qualifying address.

That left the permanence of their residence and its purpose. Permanence was a question of fact and degree. There were concurrent findings that the tenure of each of the ladies had sufficient permanence on the qualifying date to constitute residence.

On October 10, 1984 all the Greenham ladies had been living on the encampment for a substantial period and it was nothing to the point that, in theory, they might have been required to leave shortly thereafter.

As to the purpose of their presence on the camp, Rebecca Johnson said that she was a peace worker whose place of work was in the neighbourhood of the Greenham Common airfield. There was nothing necessarily incredible in someone wishing to live over the shop.

Whether or not a person was resident in a particular place was a question of fact and degree to be determined by the tribunal of fact. That issue had been determined in favour of the ladies. There were no grounds upon which the court could interfere.

As to lawfulness, Judge Peck had said it was necessary to look at the intention of Parliament. He drew attention to the express disenfranchisement of convicted persons only while detained.

The issue could be approached on the basis of statutory construction treating the words "resident" and "residence" where they occurred in the Act as being impliedly preceded by "lawfully". It could also be approached on the basis of public policy.

"It was wrong in principle that a man could rely upon his own unlawful act to secure an advantage which could have been obtained if he had acted lawfully" Lord Scarman said in *R v Barnet London Borough Council, Ex parte Shah* ([1983] 2 AC 309, 344). The two approaches were in no way inconsistent and might overlap.

It was quite clear that if criminality was revelant, if could only be in relation to the criminality of residing at the qualifying address, as contrasted with the activities carried on at or from that address. Were it otherwise, burglars and brothel keepers would be disenfranchised.

But the consequences of holding that the qualifying residence must not involve the commission of a criminal offence and, *a fortiori*, that the residence must be lawful in the sense of not involving a breach of the civil rights of others were startling in the extreme. A whole range of citizens would be disqualified.

Harris v Amery ((1865) LR 1 CP 148) was distinguishable. There the qualification was not residence but an interest in land. In the instant affect the qualifying condition was residence which did not depend upon the law for its existence.

The court rejected the submission that the franchise was affected by the fact that the qualifying residence was illegal or unlawful.

On the facts of the appeal, the court could not have accepted the assumption that the residence of each of the Greenham ladies was necessarily legal. Whether there was an obstruction of the highway was a question of fact. It was not established merely by proving that there was a tent on highway land.

It was submitted that the residence of each of the Greenham ladies was either in breach of the injunction or constituted an aiding or abetting of such a breach.

The court accepted that when a court had ordered a citizen to cease to reside at a particular address, he could not rely upon his continued residence as a qualification for the franchise. There was a real distinction between a breach of the general law and breach of a court order.

Aiding and abetting a breach of an injunction was a very serious offence, but in normal circumstances it would go to the conduct of the aider and abetter rather than to the character of his residence.

The court considered that on the facts found all the Greenham Common ladies had established a residence qualifying them to have their names in the electoral lists and no facts had been found to prevent them relying upon that residence.

It would have been otherwise before the qualifying date. Newbury District Council and Department of Transport had obtained injunctions against the Greenham ladies requiring them to vacate the highway and land and forbidding them.

The appeal would be dismissed.

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Football: Robson orders all five of his substitutes to rise as one man in a signal of face-saving defiance in Bucharest

England look beyond the red horizon

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Bucharest

Romania.....0
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A thin shadow fell across England's path to Mexico here yesterday evening but their view of next summer's World Cup finals remains unobscured. This draw in the home of potentially the strongest opponents in group three maintains their unbeaten record, their comfortable lead at the top of the group and, after four games, they have still to concede a goal.

The open arena has a reputation for being an inhospitable place for visitors. Its high and crowded tiers, with floodlights leaning obtrusively overhead, can shake with a thunderous noise. But under a canopy of dark clouds and a pale sun it was initially so quiet and peaceful as to be almost eerie.

England's opening was heavily responsible for that. Keeping possession, they patiently absorbed Romania's attacks that carried scarcely even a hint of a threat. Closely watched, the Romanians found themselves enmeshed in a heavily guarded midfield.

Before half an hour had elapsed England had hit the woodwork and caused danger in the air, particularly and surprisingly through Steven. Barnes, gliding gracefully down the left flank, was the main supplier. Steven nodded a couple of his crosses over and wide before Robson, the leading scorer in the side, glanced a free-kick against the angle of bar and post.

Hagi, a gifted left-footed player who strongly resembles Robertson, the former Nottingham Forest winger, marked Romania's recovery with a crisp drive that thudded into Shilton's midrift. Negrila, their right back, continued it with two more stinging volleys and Camataru, a tall and awkward centre forward, almost crowned it with an effort that brushed the side netting.

But Romania's rise was halted by the fall of their captain, Iorgulescu, who is employed as their sweeper. There had been some doubt about his fitness before the kick-off and, after some 40 minutes, he limped away, to be replaced by Iovan. Nor seemingly was that the end of their defensive problems. Negrila, clearly hurt, had to be helped away to the dressing-room at the interval.

He came out for the second half when his colleagues showed a renewed sense of purpose. The audience, warming to their lively display and also to the gradual breakdown of England's midfield security, became more animated. As the whistle and the horns blew with increasing intensity, so Romania lifted their challenge.

Robson, in one of his less effective performances for his country, and Wilkins who was too casual in his approach, lost command at the centre of the spacious stage and Barnes and Steven faded in the wings. Bobby Robson's prediction that his defence was about to face their sternest test began to be realized.

Hagi, after a delightfully neat and rapid exchange on the edge of the area, clipped his effort over. Camataru, as though climbing on an invisible ladder, rose remarkably high above a clutch of red-and-white shirts to stretch Shilton's reflexes and Boloni, fired accurately from long distance.

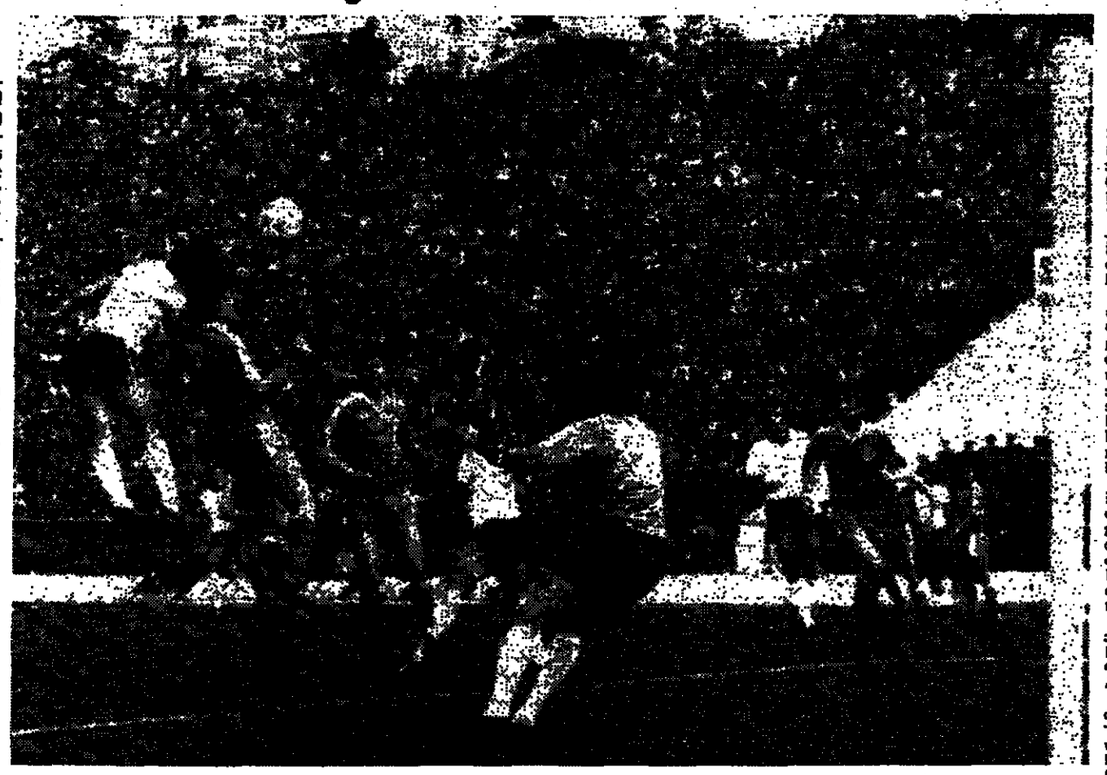
England's manager, disturbed by the loss of control, urged his team with an unusual and undisguised message. He ordered all five of his substitutes to rise collectively from the bench and warm up. The response on the pitch was almost immediate but, with 20 minutes to go, it proved to be the parting shot from his apparently tiring representatives.

Sansom's customary long throw-in was nudged on by Butcher to Robson, whose close-range attempt was blocked. Mariner, whose overall contribution suggested that he is an inadequate understudy to Hateley, closed in almost nonchalantly and side-footed the loose ball alarmingly wide of an invitingly open target. England's last chance of victory had passed by.

But for Shilton's notable save 10 minutes later, Mariner's embarrasing miss would have been even more costly. Ungureanu ran diagonally across the area before releasing the impressive Hagi. Had the precise pass arrived at his left foot rather than his right, England's horizon might not now look so bright.

ROMANIA: S Lung; N Negrila, C Stefanescu, N Ungureanu, M Rednic, G Iorgulescu (sub: P Iovan), M Coras (sub: M Lacatus), M Klein, R Camataru, L Boloni, G Hagi.
ENGLAND: P Shilton (Southampton); V Anderson (Arsenal), K Sansom (Arsenal), T Steven (Everton), M Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Ipswich Town), B Robson (Manchester United), R Wilkins (AC Milan), P Mariner (Arsenal) (sub: G Lineker, Leicester City), T Francis (Sampdoria), J Barnes (Watford) (sub: C Waddle, Newcastle United).
Referee: E Guruceta (Spain).

● LUXEMBOURG. (AFP) – Yugoslavia beat Luxembourg 1-0 in a World Cup qualifying Group Four match here yesterday with an 88th minute goal by Fadily Vokri.



Woodwork lesson: Robson heads the ball against the angle of bar and post

Group Three table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	1	0	14	0	7
N Ireland	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Finland	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Romania	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Turkey	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

● *Not including last night's Northern Ireland v Turkey result*

REMAINING FIXTURES: May 22: Finland v England; June 6: Finland v Romania; August 28: Romania v Finland; September 11: Turkey v Northern Ireland, England v Romania; September 25: Finland v Turkey; October 16: Romania v Northern Ireland, England v Turkey; November 13: England v Northern Ireland; November 14: Turkey v Romania.

Sports Commentary



David Miller

Bucharest

The question mark has been raised against John Barnes, taken off after 72 minutes of a tense match, which might have gone either way right up to the final kick, with the odds for much of the time slightly favouring the Romanians. After 17 matches, it is time that Barnes began to mature, to have the confidence to take on defenders from early in the match and to assert himself.

This was not so yesterday. For much of the time, he seemed lightweight and indecisive, even though he was obliged to help defensively in the first half hour and later made the occasional weaving sprint. But it was not the solid reliable performance for which Robson will be looking in a year's time and the substitution was a reflection of the manager's thoughts.

Considering that the Spanish referee, Guruceta, did not book a single Romanian player, in spite of the incessant hacking from behind by their entire defence, especially against Mariner and Francis, England could be said to have played well and to have deserved the draw. Robson hit the bar and Mariner should at least have struck the target with a yawning opening in front of him after 70 minutes. It was disturbing, though, that England seemed to have misread the ground conditions, using too short a stud on the slightly wet grass and regularly losing their foothold at critical moments.

The back four had an encouraging day, with Wright exhibiting the authority which the manager had said he hoped to see, and at right back, Andersons's tackling was conspicuous and valuable. Sansom was a regular contributor to England's counter-attacking.

Yet there must be concern about the quality of much of the passing, which needlessly surrendered possession.

It was a good thing that Shilton in goal was playing at the peak of his form, for he handled several severe shots which would have beaten a lesser man. His value cannot be underestimated in a team shich is still developing, is short of scoring power, but continues to show promise.

Brazilian shadows in friendly quest of world substance

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) – Brazil need a convincing victory in today's friendly match against Uruguay to atone for a poor start to their World Cup preparations. Calls for the inclusion in their squad of the World Cup stars, Zico, Socrates, Junior and Cerezo, who are playing in the Italian League, reached a crescendo last Sunday after Brazil lost 1-0 to Peru.

This defeat came after an unconvincing 2-1 victory over Colombia. Another disappointing performance against Uruguay is certain to fuel mounting criticism of the coach, Evaristo, whose team, a shadow of the exciting Brazilian sides of the past, will find Uruguay keen to put a recent defeat by Peru behind them and consolidate their reputation as South America's leading team.

There is speculation that Evaristo is considering selecting at least three exiles in his World Cup qualifying games next month even though they can only report for training after the expiry of their Italian contracts on May 20. Brazil play their first qualifying match, a visit to Bolivia, two weeks later.

Evaristo is likely to include Edson at the back today and Jorginho and Reinaldo up front. Jandir and Geovani could take over from Alemao and Dema in midfield.

"This is a period of experience, so everything is valid," Evaristo said. "I'm not worried about results at the moment." He said he would know his best team only after another friendly against Argentina on Sunday.

Pelé, who is now a television commentator, said fans should be patient with the squad and not worry about the results of warm-up matches. "We are only starting our preparation and nobody should expect miracles," he said.

Uruguay, who have qualified for Mexico, will take the field at Recife today without some top players who have returned to overseas clubs.

● BONN: West Germany's 5-1 thrashing of Czechoslovakia has put them on the threshold of a place in Mexico less than a year after their feeble exit from the European Championship finals in France.

Their victory, the fifth in the last six matches under their manager, Franz Beckenbauer, was their highest away win since 1975 and deservedly earned praise for their revival under their former World Cup-winning captain. Beckenbauer himself said: "Step after step we wanted to climb back up, but now we are on our way to becoming Europe's No 1 again."

Team spirit was at an all-time low last spring after the debacle at the European Championship finals, which were won in style by the host country. Beckenbauer faced a difficult task in succeeding Jupp Derwall, who had left in a hail of criticism.

Tom Schumacher, the goalkeeper, warned against becoming too confident. "We haven't played any of the big one recently" he said. "We lack a test against Italy, France or Brazil."

Beckenbauer had done a great job in reviving the team's spirits, Schumacher said.

Wales considering Arms Park tie

By Clive White

Cardiff Arms Park, the home of Welsh Rugby Union, will probably stage the most important match in the recent hisory of Welsh soccer. Following Tuesday night's hugely successful 3-0 victory over Spain, the Welsh Football Association will strongly consider next Wednesday the proposal to hold their decisive World Cup qualifying tie with Scotland on September 10 at the National Stadium. It would be the first soccer match played there since the beginning of the century.

Faced with the financial difficulties they have been placed in by the demise of the British Championship, the Welsh FA seems certain to place the accent on finance rather than success when they make their decision. They had managed to stop rubbing their hands long enough yesterday to finger the calculators and come up with a figure in excess of £250,000 profit from staging the match at the Arms Park, where the attendance would be sure to reach 60,000. That could keep them in business for another three or four years.

The most attractive alternative would be to hold the tie at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, the scene of Tuesday's delirious celebrations and a ground where they have never lost a World Cup qualifying tie. In fact they are unbeaten there in their last eight matches, including the odd friendly.

This stadium is the preference of the players and Mike England, the manager. They find they they can respond to the atmosphere, and after recent games, they have taken to it like a home away from home.

The Arms Park would be no more advantageous to them than it would be to Scotland. Indeed, such a large arena with 33,000 seats alone wold give the fervent Scots the opportunity to overwhelm even the vociferous Welsh in support.

How ironic that Wales's climb to new heights should coincide with the joint announcement by England and Scotland that the Welsh and Irish no longer provide sufficiently attractive opposition. They may be clamouring for a fixture with the "unattractive" Welsh in the not-so-distant future.

If Wales are a four-man team as described by Tommy Docherty recently, the other seven would find a place in considerably better sides than Wolverhampton Wanderers. Rush and Hughes, the deadly duo, may have thrust the sword into the wobbling Spanish bull, but it was fiercely united team effort that brought Spain to their knees.

With the inspirational Joey Jones restored after suspension, probably at right back judging by the passionate and faultless performance of the newly discovered Welshman Van den Hauwe at centre back, Wales will be a side bulging with talent in all departments by the time they beckon the Scots.

A preview of that complete unit may be given on June 5, when Wales play away to Norway in a non-competitive match. By then the scores could already be reeling. Scotland play Iceland in a qualifying game in Reykjavik on May 28 without Dalglish, Hansen, and Nicol, all pre-booked by Liverpool for their European Cup Final in Brussels the following day.

Group Seven table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	6	3	4
Spain	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

REMAINING FIXTURES: May 28: Iceland v Scotland; June 12: Iceland v Spain; September 10: Wales v Scotland; September 25: Spain v Iceland.





Hughes (left) and Rush: "deadly duo" for Wales

Waddle set to move

Chris Waddle has confirmed that he will be leaving Newcastle United at the end of the season. His destination could be Tottenham Hotspur.

The England forward said: "I spoke to Newcastle's chairman a week ago and told him I definitely wanted to move on. He offered me a new contract with very good terms, but it's not about the contract or terms.

"I think the time is right for me to leave. I will play out the season with Newcastle, and in a way I will be sorry to leave, because the club and the fans have been very good to me.

"But I only cost £1,000, so I think the club would gain when I move on. I don't know yet where I will go, but I understand Tottenham are interested.

"Obviously I am looking for a top club. I'll have to wait and see what the offers are before definitely deciding."

Newcastle are thought to have made a last-gasp bid to keep Waddle, aged 24, by offering him £100,000, but the Newcastle manager, Jack Charlton, conceded: "Apparently he wants to leave and he is not really our player after this season."

Tottenham had a £550,000 offer turned down on transfer deadline day last month, and if they do pursue their interest, the fee may have to be fixed by the independent tribunal.

Player over the top for Zenit

Moscow (Reuter) – Zenit Leningrad, the Soviet champion, who will compete in next season's European Cup, have dismissed one player for drunkenness and warned several others. Valery Broshin was sacked by the club and suspended for two years after he turned up drunk for a training session.

Zenit, who have made a disastrous start to the new league programme and are currently bottom of the first division, also suspended Gennady Timofeyev until the end of the current season, which began only last month, and removed Anatoly Stepanov from his position as Young Communist leader of the team.

"Some of our players were stil basking in glory", a senior official said yesterday, explaining Zenit's appalling start to the season, which began with four successive defeats. He cited other players, including Sergei Kuznetsov, Nikolai Larionov and the star forward Yuri Zheludkov, as among those to blame, but gave no details of any measures against them.

Zenit have recovered recently, winning their last two games, but appear to have little chance of retaining the league title.

Training move

Tottenham Hotspur have been granted planning permission to build houses on their training ground at Cheshunt.

Giresse missing

Sofia (AFP) – France will be seriously weakened by the absence of Alain Giresse from their midfield when they take on Bulgaria in a World Cup European Group Four qualifying match here tonight.

Giresse, who twisted a knee during Bordeaux's league visit to Racing Club of Paris at the weekend, was a key figure in the French team which won the European Championships last year. His replacement is José Touré, of Nantes.

Henri Michel, the French mananger, wants two points from the game to maximize his team's chances of qualifying for Mexico after three group victories and an away draw against Luxembourg.

But it will not be easy for France in Bulgaria, where the French have not won for 53 years. The Bulgarians beat Luxembourg 4-0 in their only home game so far, and limited France to a 1-0 win, thanks to a penalty, at the Parc des Princes in November.

● MOSCOW: The Soviet Union, badly in need of a win to keep their World Cup hopes alive, are expected to rely on the side which drew in Switzerland last month for the return game here today (AFP reports).

With only two points from their three matches so far, the Soviet Union are second from bottom in Group Six, but are confident of victory against the group leaders.

Suspension for Souness

Milan (Reuter) – Graeme Souness may miss Sampdoria's final matches in the Italian league after receiving a three-match suspension yesterday.

Souness collected the ban after insulting the referee as he was substituted a minute from the end of Sampdoria's 2-1 defeat by Avellino on Sunday. He had been booked earlier in the match and threw his shirt to the ground in disgust as he came off.

Italy's football judge, who hands out punishments to players reported for misbehaviour, ruled that Souness had displayed "gravely disrespectful behaviour" to the official. Souness can appeal against the suspension.

Axcell turns on the charm

The "bad boys" of Southend United were lectured by a referee yesterday. The Southend manager, Bobby Moore, called in Essex official, David Axcell, to talk to his players about their bad disciplinary record this season.

Southend have had six players suspended so far and built up a large total of penalty points. In recent games they have had up to three of their key players suspended, resulting in three successive defeats. They are now in the re-election zone

Moore said: "I called in Mr Axcell to give the players a talk about the situation. I am hoping it will give them a better idea of how to behave and build up a better liaison between them and referees."

Millwall remain on course

Millwall, the only League side still unbeaten at home, should be back in the second division next season, Tuesday night's 2-1 victory over Doncaster at the Den keeps them six points clear of fourth-placed Bristol City, who won by the same score at home to Newport.

The Welsh international Lowndes, scored Millwall's second-half winner; Bristol's decider came from the full back, Newman.

Bury strengthened their hold on second place in the fourth division by beating Aldershot 2-1 at Gigg Lane. Entwistle and Madden were on target in the first half before McCulloch pulled one back for Aldershot.

Yesterday's results

World Cup

Group Three
ROMANIA (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 0
7,000

Group Four
LUXEMBOURG (0) 0 YUGOSLAVIA (0) 1
7,000 Vokri

Leading positions	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	5	3	2	0	5	2	8
France	4	3	1	0	7	0	7
Bulgaria	4	2	1	1	5	1	5
East Germany	4	1	0	3	7	6	2
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	0	15	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: May 2: Bulgaria v France; May 18: East Germany v Luxembourg; June 1: Bulgaria v Yugoslavia; September 11: East Germany v France; September 25: Luxembourg v Bulgaria; September 28: Yugoslavia v East Germany; October 30: France v Luxembourg; November 16: France v Yugoslavia; East Germany v Bulgaria.

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

WORLD CUP: Group Seven: Wales 3, Spain 0.
UEFA UNDER-21 COMPETITION: Group Three: Romania 0, England 0. Group Six: Soviet Union 1, Switzerland 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 0, Grimsby Town 0; Wimbledon 0, Huddersfield Town 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Bristol City 2, Newport County 1; Cambridge United 0, Lincoln City 2; Millwall 2, Doncaster Rovers 1; Orient 0, Preston North End 0; Wigan 2, Swansea City 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Bury 2, Aldershot 1; Northampton Town 1, Mansfield Town 0; Rochdale 4, Hartlepool United 3.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Southern semi-final: Bournemouth 2, Brentford 3.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2, Wokingham 1; Carshalton 2, Sutton United 2; Harlow 0, Windsor and Eton 4; Hendon 2, Worthing 3; Hitchin 1, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Wycombe 2, Harrow 0. First division: Aveley 0, Hornchurch 3; Boreham Wood 1, Hampton 1; Clapton 2, Bromley 0; Leatherhead 1, Lewes 1; Maidenhead United 0, Kingstonian 1; Oxford City 3, St Albans 1; Wembley 1, Chesham 0; Woking 0, Staines 0. Second division north: Berkhamsted 1, Hackwell Heath 0; Cheshunt 1, Hemel Hempstead 0; Epping 0, Harefield 5; Kingsbury 1, Chalfont St Peter 3; Royston 1, Leyton-Wingate 3; Saffron Walden 4, Finchley 2. Second division south: Eastbourne United 1, Bracknell 4; Egham 1, Ruislip Manor 1; Grays 4, Dorking 1; Hungerford 4, Rainham 1.
GOLA LEAGUE: Telford 1, Dartford 2; Enfield 4, Yeovil 0. Bob Lord Trophy: Final, second leg: Runcorn 1, Maidstone 0 (agg 3–0).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 6, Stoke 3; Derby 4, Manchester City 0; Everton 4, Bradford City 1; Notts County 1, Sheffield Wednesday 5; Sheffield United 2, Nottingham Forest 4. Second division: Leeds 4, Scunthorpe 2; Middlesbrough 2, Blackpool 2; Oldham 0, Hull 1; Rotherham 3, Wigan 3.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Ipswich 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Goole 1, Stafford 2; Grantham 0, Marine 1; Macclesfield 3, Morecambe 2; Matlock 2, Southport 2; Witton 1, Oswestry 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth 1, Fisher 0; Gloucester 2, Cheltenham 3; Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Wilenhall 2. Midland division: Banbury 1, Hednesford 2; Coventry Sporting 1, Bromsgrove 2; Oldbury 1, Dudley 1; Redditch 1, Sutton Coldfield 0. Southern division: Cambridge City 4, Chatham 0 (at Chatham); Woodford 1, Canterbury 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Final, first leg: Newcastle 0, Watford 0.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Brantham 0, Lowestoft 1; Clacton 0, Colchester Reserves 1; Ely 2, March 0.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bravsdown 1, Waltham Abbey 1; Thatcham 3, Corinthian-Casuals 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Newbridge 12, Bridgend 4; Newport 35, Swansea 34; Pontypridd 10, Glamorgan Wanderers 7; Llanelli 16, Pontypool 38; Waterloo 37, Northern 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Puckering lines up in youthful Hull front row

Hull's 19-year-old colts prop, Neil Puckering, is the surprise inclusion in their side for Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley against Wigan. Puckering, who established himself in the first team only a month ago, gains his chance after Trevor Skerrett was ruled out through injury.

It is a remarkable trasformation for the Hull teenager, who had considered quitting the game earlier in the season. His inclusion in the front row gives Hull what will probably be one of the youngest front formations to appear in a cup final. Puckering joint the 21-year-old Lee Crooks, the youngest Challenge Cup final captain, and the 22-year-old hooker Shaun Patrick, who will be celebrating his birthday.

In naming his team, Hull's manager, Arthur Bunting, has left his options open for the centre positions by naming three players. His final choice will depend on whether the New Zealand international James Leuluai passes a fitness test tomorrow night on a dislocated shoulder.

If he does come through, Bunting faces an awkward dicision because also in contention are the club's joint top try-scorers, Garry Schofield and Steve Evans.

TEAM: Kemble, James, Schofield or Evans or Leuluai, O'Hara, Ah Kuo, Sterling, Crooks, Patrick, Puckering, Muggleton, Rose, Norton.

Leleu is named

Guy Leleu, overlooked by London Welsh for last weekend's John Player Cup Final, will appear at Twickenham on Saturday. Guy, son of former international John Leleu, who appeared in the Exiles' winning team in 1956, has been named in the London Welsh line-up that will defend the Middlesex Sevens title at the Rugby Union's headquarters.

IN BRIEF

Veteran coach sacked by Austrians

The Austrian Ski Federation have sacked their veteran men's team coach, Charlie Kahr, following recent poor performances by the national team. Kahr will be replaced by Dieter Bartsch, who was previously in charge of the Swiss women's team.

MOTOR RALLYING: Peugeot, whose 205 Turbo has already won the Monte Carlo, Swedish and Portugese events, face their main challenge from Lancia in the Tour of Corsica. Peugeot's three cars will be driven by Timo Salonen and Ari Vatanen and by Bruno Saby. Lancia have Markku Alen, Henri Toivonen and Massimo Biasion.

BOXING: Tony Willis, of Liverpool, will challenge Ian McLeod, of Scotland for the vacant British lightweight title in Birmingham on May 16. The match has been made by the British Boxing Board of Control because an eliminator between Willis and Paul Chance, of Wednesbury, has been postponed twice. The new champion will meet Chance in his first defence.

GOLF: Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, will represent England in the Aer Lingus Golf Foundation international school final at Waterville, co Kerry, on Sunday, May 12.

TEAMS. – England: Queen Elizabeth's GS, Blackburn; Scotland: Marr College, Troon. Wales: Porthcawl Comprehensive. Ireland: Ignatius Rice College, Ennis. Sweden: Kuppans Gymnasieskola, Danderyd. Denmark: Holte Gymnasium, Holte. West Germany: Stadt Gymnasium, Dortmund. India: Modern School, New Delhi.

SPEEDWAY: Kelvin Tatum, Kenny Carter, Phil Collins and Jeremy Doncaster will represent England in the World Team Cup meeting against Australia, New Zealand and Finland at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on Sunday, May 12. Chris Morton is the England reserve. The top two teams from the Odsal meeting will qualify for the inter-continental final at Vojens, Denmark, on June 22.

TENNIS: Australia's John Fitzgerald beat Yannick Noah, of France, in the Las Vegas grand prix tournament after a first round struggle lasting four minutes short of two hours. The sixth seed, Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia, beat India's Ramesh Krishnan 6-7, 6-2, 6-1.

ATHLETICS: Shanghai is to host an international women's marathon in March 1986.

EVENING RACING RESULTS

Wolverhampton

5.30 (2m hdle) 1. Shepherd's Hymn (G Williams, 4-1 fav); 2, Squires Gold (10-1); 3, Indian (7-1). 15¼; ½l, 15 ran. NR: Celtic Princess, Monsoon. T Bill. TOTE: £4.60; £1.80, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £14.10. CSF: £42.60. Tricast: £250.30.

6.00 (2½m ch) 1. Gain The Day (Miss J Blakeney, 33-1); 2, Primrose Boy (9-4 fav); 3, Kildish (10-1). 15 ran. R Blakeney. TOTE: £164.20; £44.70, £1.60, £2.30. DF: (winner or second with any other): £1.30.

6.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. Gain The Day (Miss J Blakeney, 33-1); 2, Primrose Wood (9-4 fav); 3, Kildish (10-1). ¾, 1½l. 15 ran. R Blakeney. TOTE: £164.20; £44.70, £1.60, £2.30. DF (winner or second with any other): £1.30. CSF: £105.94. Tricast: £782.83.

6.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Personality Plus (R Crank, 3-1 j-fav); 2, De Plumiel (16-1); 3, Lorior (7-1). Ben Spartan 3-1 j-fav. 8, 2½l. 11 ran. R Francis. TOTE: £4.90; £1.10, £3.80, £2.60. DF: £27.10. CSF: £47.02. Tricast: £294.78.

7.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, La Graie Bran (S Smith Eccles, 11-4 fav); 2, Lady Shot (3-1); 3, Delator (9-1). Sh hd, dr. 7 ran. NR: King's Brig, Reprieve, J King. TOTE: £3.60; £1.30, £1.70. £2.40 DF: £3.80. CSF: £11.12. Tricast: £58.72.

7.30 (2m hdle) 1, Nebels (H Davies, 4-9 fav); 2, Maisie's Token (5-1); 3, Dryfehead (66-1). 3l, 5l. 16 ran. NR: Ringsal, R. Alesharsz. TOTE: £1.60; £1.10, £1.90, £4.00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.66.

8.0 (2m hdle) 1. Brosbury (R. Chapman, 4-1 j-fav); 2, Lady Tut (10-1); 3, Welsh Oak (4-1 j-fav). 1l, 7l. 15 ran. T. Brown. TOTE: £6.10; £2.80, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £31.00. CSF: £43.16. Tricast: £158.09.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) play-off: Conference semi-finals: Philadelphia 76ers 112, Milwaukee Bucks 108 (Philadelphia lead best-of-seven, 2-0); Boston Celtics 121, Detroit Pistons 114 (Boston lead best-of-seven series, 2-0); Los Angeles Lakers 134, Portland Trail Blazers 118 (Los Angeles lead best-of-seven series, 2-0); Denver Nuggets 130, Utah Jazz 113 (Denver lead best-of-seven series, 1-0).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Minnesota Twins 11, Detroit Tigers 2; Baltimore Orioles 9, Chicago White Sox 7; Texas Rangers 8, New York Yankees 4; Kansas City Royals 5, Cleveland Indians 1; California Angels 3, Boston Red Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Oakland A's 3; Seattle Mariners 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2. National League: Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco Giants 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, San Diego Padres 2; Philadelphia Phillies 11, Montreal Expos 7; Atlanta Braves 8, Cincinnati Reds 4; New York Mets 4, Houston Astros 1; St Louis Cardinals 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-off: Division finals: Montreal Canadiens 5, Quebec Nordiques 2 (Best-of-7 series tied, 3-3); Chicago Black Hawks 6, Minnesota North Stars 5 (Chicago win best-of-7 series, 4-2).

CYCLING

FRANKFURT: Round the Henninger Tower race: (15th rated) 1, P Anderson (Aus), 9m 11min 6sec. 2, J Lamers (Neth); 3, R Goetz (WG), both same time; 4, E Vandersaerden (Bel); 5, J Lieckens (Bel); 6, E van Lancker (Bel), 17sec behind.
METZ: Circuit of Mines road race: Fourth stage (175km): 1, J C John (Can) 4hr 35min 20sec; 2, P Langodstrom (GB) 4:36:20; 3, I Mcgear (Neth) 4:36:20; 4, P Lance (Fr) 4:36:20; 5, F Fabris (Fr) 4:37:40. OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, John 15:47:32; 2, Langbottom 15:48:31; 3, P Curran (GB) 15:49:12; 4, Lance 15:49:28; 5, P Stevenhagen (Neth) 15:50.48.
ALTO DE CAMPO, SPAIN: Tour of Spain, seventh stage (190km): 1, z Agudelo (Col), 5hr 58min 49sec; 2, R Miller (GB), same time; 3, P Cabestany, same time, British and Irish placings: 28, S Kelly (Ire), 5:58:30; 93, S Yates (GB), 6:12:36. Overall: 1, Cabestany, 38:17:19; 2, Millar, 38:17:25; 3, Rodriguez (Col), 38:18:02. British and Irish placings: 22, Kelly, 38:23:33; 111, Yates, 39:11:58.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP FINAL: Gresham 5, Oundle 0: G Brans bt R Ford, 9-2, 9-7, 9-3; C Willshrop bt J Knight, 9-1, 9-6, 9-0; R Malmart bt I Hardy, 9-6, 9-0, 9-1; R Le Lievre bt I Hodgson, 9-5, 9-7, 9-3, J Cordeaux bt P Edwards, 9-6, 9-1, 9-2.

GOLF

LONG ASHTON, Bristol: Martini National Club better ball championship: Regional qualifying competitions: G Bristow and B Close (Painswick GC, Stroud), 66 (four under par).

TENNIS

LAS VEGAS: Alan King Classic: First round: (US unless stated): V Van Patten bt A Knokstein 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; J Arias bt P Cash (Aus) 1-6, 6-3, 7-6, (7-4); T Smid (Cz) bt R Krishnan (India) 6-7, (7-3), 6-2, 6-1; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt Y Noah (Fr) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; J Kriek (SA) bt J Sadri 7-5, 6-1; P Annacone bt B Gilbert 6-3, 6-3.
TARANTO: Women's tournament: Third round: I Cueto (WG) bt I Demangeot (Fr) 6-1, 7-5; C Nottoli (It) bt F Bonsignori (It) 7-5, 6-2; N Herremen (Fr) bt H Fukarkova (Cz) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; L Golarsa (It) bt P Murgo (It) 6-2, 7-5.
HOUSTON: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): R Burgin bt E Inoue (Japan) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Piatek bt M Groat (Can) 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, E Okagawa (Japan) bt P Casale 1-6, 6-1, 6-3; S Rehe bt T Phelps 6-4, 7-6, (7-1). Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Yanagi (Japan) 6-3, 6-1; Z Garrison bt D Spence 6-3, 6-1
HAMBURG: West German Open: First round: F Luna (Sp) bt J Higueras (Sp), 6-2, 7-6, G Vilas (Arg) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-3, 6-2, J-L Clerc (Arg) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; S Glickstein (Isr) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; R Arguello (Arg) bt A Gonzalez (Arg), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; P Slozil (Cz) bt C Motta (Br), 6-2, 5-7, 8-2; H de la Pena (Arg) bt M Ingaramo, 6-3, 6-4. Second round: A Maurer (WG) bt B Taroczy (Hun), 7-6, 6-3; J Aguilera (Sp) bt W Popp (WG), 6-4, 7-5; L Pimek (Cz) bt J Navratil (Cz), 6-3, 6-4; F Cancellotti (It) bt Scanes, 6-3, 6-3; J Brown (US) bt V Pecci (Par), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
SUTTON: LTA Spring Circuit Tournament: Men: First round: S Youl (Aus) bt D Ison, 6-2, 6-2; C Allgardh (Swe) bt P Hughesman, 6-4, 6-1; M Walker bt I Curne, 6-4, 6-4; M Blencowe bt B Knapp, 6-4, 6-2; R Flynn (Aus) bt B Parker, 6-0, 6-2; M Christensen (Den) bt C Peel, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; M Baroch (Aust) bt C Emery 6-4, 4-6, 9-7. Second round: C Allgardh (Swe) bt S Youl (Aust) 6-3, 7-6; M Walker (Wales) bt M Blincow (Northants) 6-4, 6-3; R Drysdale bt P Johnston (Aust) 6-3, 6-4; M Kratzman (Aust) bt L Alfred (Wales) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; M Baroch (Aust) bt M Christiansen (Den) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; P Lundgren (Swe) bt C Clarke 6-1, 6-1; J Bates bt M Bellini (Italy) 6-2, 6-2; P Flynn (Aus) bt N Futwood 6-0, 6-2.
Women: First round: J Louis bt C Wood, 6-

Border draws a line at South African issue

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The manager of the Australian cricket side, which arrived in England yesterday wisely refused to play a stroke of any kind when asked about anything to do with South Africa. "That," Bob Merriman said, "is a matter for the Australian Cricket Board."

No one, therefore, was any the wiser after a press conference at the Australian team's hotel about the huge amounts of money believed to have been paid by Kerry Packer to lure back into the side those members of it who would have been excluded had they fulfilled, next autumn, an undertaking to go to South Africa.

As Mr Packer did this off his own bat, the Australian board are not best pleased with him. Whether he has also compensated the rest of the touring team has not been revealed. If not, it is hard to believe that the differentials within the party will not be unsettling. The secrecy alone creates its own atmosphere.

Nor were things helped yesterday when the Australians found at London airport that their baggage van had been towed away before the baggage could be got to it. But the players were on parade, spick and span, by 11.30 for Allan Border, their captain, to identify them. This, of course, is not normally necessary. Although all but two (Simon O'Donnell and Ray Phillips) of the 17 players have played in England before, only five have done so with an official Australian touring team.

Of the unfamiliar faces, the one who most clearly had the look of a games player turned out to be the physiotherpist. Our old friend, Jeff Thomson, his hair not so much highlighted as blond, would have passed for Rod Stewart, though "if you gentlemen keep getting at him because of his age," Border said, "he's going to have one hell of a summer". Thomson is 35 in August.

The biggest of them all is Craig McDermott, the squattest *Boon, the most hirsute the* assistant manager, Geoff Dymock, who, with Border, Andrew Hilditch (the vice-captain) and Geoff Lawson will form the selection committee. It never does to underrate an Australian side but there is nothing too awesome about them yet.

Unfortunately, the Test and County Cricket Board have managed to persuade them to accept a minimum of only 90 overs in a Test day rather than the 96 which had been asked for and the 100 which should be perfectly possible and is more desirable. I can see already on a lovely summer's evening, with a great struggle in progress, that at 6.0 90 overs will have been howled and off the crowd will have to go, half an hour before the "natural" finishing time.

● Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, the Indian leg-spinner who played against England throughout last winter's Test series, has been named in Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI to meet Australia on Sunday (11.30).

TEAM: N J Lenham (Sussex), B Hassan (Nottinghamshire), J H Hampshire (Derbyshire), R D V Knight (Surrey), R W Taylor (Derbyshire), R Ratnayake (Sri Lanka), R W Taylor (Derbyshire), L Sivaramakrishnan (India), M W W Selvey (Glamorgan), R G D Willis (Warwickshire, capt), A N Other.

Sydney, (Reuter) – The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) are trying to stop a rebel tour of South Africa by taking legal action against the South African Cricket Union and against Australian players who have signed to join the tour.

"The Board is unanimous in its decision to take a tough line on players entering into agreements to play in South Africa while they are under contract to the ACB," the Board chairman, Fred Bennett, said.

"Proceedings will be issued against Mr Bruce Francis (the tour organizer) and the SACU for inducing those players to break thier contracts with the board, and against the players to restrain them from taking part in the South African tour."



A captain and his old soldier: Border and Thomson on their disembarkation at Heathrow yesterday

W Indies clinch elusive win

Bridgetown, Barbados (AFP) – West Indies took 37 minutes to complete their expected victory over New Zealand in the third Test match here yesterday. They won by 10 wickets, the first two matches in the four-Test series having been drawn.

It was the first time for 13 tests that the West Indies had beaten New Zealand.

When play started, New Zealand had two wickets standing and needed another 14 runs to make West Indies bat again. Coney, who held up West Indies on the fourth day with a dogged 81, added only two more before he was caught at backward square-leg by Logie off Marshall. His innings lasted three hours and 55 minutes.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 94 (M D Marshall 4 for 40, W W Davis three for 28).

Second Innings

J G Wright c Richardson b Daves	64
G P Howarth c Haynes b Marshall	5
K R Rutherford c Holding b Marshall	2
M D Crowe c Dujon b Marshall	3
J J Crowe b Davis	4
J V Coney c Logie b Marshall	83
I D S Smith c and b Marshall	26
R J Hadlee c Greenidge b Davis	3
D A Stirling b Marshall	3
S L Boock c Haynes b Marshall	22
E J Chatfield not out	4
Extras (b 8, l-b 1, w 2, n-b 19)	30
Total	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–26, 2–35, 3–45, 4–60, 5–108, 6–141, 7–149, 8–228, 9–235.

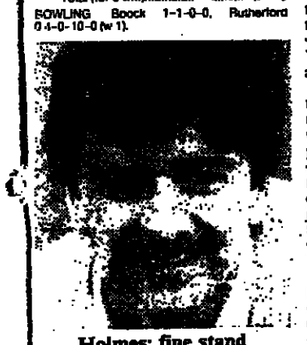
BOWLING: Marshall 25.3–6–80–7; Garner 19–5–56–0; Davis 18–0–66–3; Holding 1–0–2–0; Richards 13–3–25–0, Gomes 4–0–19–0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 336 (I V A Richards 105, M D Marshall 63; D L Haynes 62).

Second Innings

C G Greenidge not out	4
D L Haynes not out	5
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (for 0 wkt)	10

BOWLING: Boock 1–1–0–0, Rutherford 0.4–0–10–0 (w 1).



Holmes: fine stand

Joyous day for the wise men of Glamorgan

By Ivo Tennant

Those two feted sons of the valleys, Javed Miandad, from Karachi and Geoff Holmes, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, gave Glamorgan another joyous day yesterday. It will be remembered that these two had a fair hit to do with the victory over Surrey on Monday. Yesterday they put on 183 in 44 overs against Somerset.

Is Javed to be Welsh cricket's Renaissance man? Time will tell, but it is probable that Glamorgan's committee, whose choice of overseas players has sometimes been perverse, were wise in their preference of this consistent, often brilliant batsman to Winston Davis, the West Indian fast bowler.

Somerset had won the toss and put Glamorgan's openers back in the pavilion with 26 on the board. But that, and the surprising news that Ian Botham had "dispersed his blood" sufficiently to return to the attack (in layman's language he had got over an injury), was about all Somerset had to savour. Just when they thought they were through to the weaker element in the Welsh batting order, Rodney Ontong, of Johannesburg, appeared and scored a half-century.

At Fenners, Cambridge's bowlers toiled against one Test batsman after another. Downton, Gatting, Butcher, Radley and for good measure, Slack, passed 50. No weak links there. Middlesex declared at 369 for four. The University continue the unequal battle today.

In the Parks, Michael Garnham, Leicestershire's wicket-keeper, scored his maiden first-class hundred, and Ian Butcher got 95. Batsmen who made a lesser impact on a slow pitch included in their number the England captain, David Gower was out, apparently, to a lazy hoi. When is he not? When, for that matter, was Barry or Viv Richards not out to "a lazy shot"? The dividing line between elegance and laziness in a top-class batsman is, perhaps, non-existent.

Rice puts brakes on Essex

By Richard Streeton

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 238 runs behind Essex.

A blustery wind caused the players to don tracksuit tops under two sweaters yesterday but failed to lower the competitive heat between these two sides, who dominated last year's championship. Clive Rice, with four wickets, wrecked the Essex middle order batting and prevented them capitalizing on a good start.

Rice, his neck injury only a memory, had a significant impact in the Nottinghamshire attack for the first time sice their titlw success in 1981. Nottinghamshire were left 17 overs to bat and Foster, bowling with great fire, dismissed Robinson and Randall to complete an enthralling day.

Fletcher's decision to bat first on a greenish pitch was unusual for a visiting captain at Trent Bridge, and was probably influenced by Hadlee's absence and an unsettled weather forecast. He could hardly have expected, though, that Essex would start with the fanfare of trumpets which Gooch and Prichard provided. They had 50 on the board in the eighth over, and 81 in the first hour.

Cooper's medium pace slowed the run-rate for the first time. Gooch, in particular, lost momentum: Prichard less so, until he flashed fatally outside the off stump shortly before lunch. Afterwards Rice began demolition work and with three for four in seven overs, he had wrested back the initiative.

Rice, who has had a highly successful winter in South Africa, banged the ball in at a good pace.

Rice had Hardie caught behind, driving loosely at a ball which lifted; McEwan leg before to an in-swinger, offering no stroke; and Fletcher caught behind as he tried to cut. In between these wickets Gooch was bowled by Pick.

Pont and Pringle fought hard without much profit. Pont finally scooped a catch to mid-on; Pringle was bowled by a full-length ball when Rice returned after tea. East and Foster did well to bring Essex a third bonus point.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Pick	67
P J Prichard c French b Pick	70
B R Hardie c French b Rice	5
K S McEwan b Rice	9
D R Pringle b Rice	29
*K W R Fletcher c French b Rice	8
K R Pont c Pick b Cooper	10
†D E East c Broad b Such	20
N A Foster st French b Such	17
J K Lever not out	19
D L Acfield b Such	8
Extras (b 7, w 2, n-b 2)	11
Total (91 5 overs)	273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–121, 2–136, 3–156, 4–156, 5–167, 6–186, 7–215, 8–229, 9–253, 10–273.

BOWLING: Saxelby 15–4–67–0, Pick 19–4–72–2, Cooper 23–13–21–1; Such 18.5–3–82–3, Rice 16–7–24–4.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad not out	18
R T Robinson c McEwan b Foster	5
D W Randall c East b Foster	0
R A Pick not out	12
Total (2 wkts, 16 overs)	35

*C E B Rice, P Johnson, J D Birch, †B N French, K Saxelby, K E Cooper and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18, 2–18.

Bonus points (to date): Nottinghamshire 4, Essex 3.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and K E Palmer

CORRECTION: April 27, 28, 29, Essex v Warwickshire, Chelmsford: G A Gooch c Humpage b Old 51 (not G A Gooch b Old 81).

Basil's joy short-lived

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 316 runs behind Lancashire.

"And are we yet alive, to see each other's face?" These lines by Wesley, which I trust are still heartily sung at the beginning of every Methodist Conference, apply with equal fervour to the meeting of familiar friends at the first home match of the season.

Everyone was full of beans at Bristol, though the last time these two sides had met, in a desperate finish, Lancashire had batted out the last 11 overs for a draw, keeping themselves just above Gloucestershire at the bottom of the table. Yesterday, Lancashire's last wicket again had say in the development.

The Glorious Red-headed Impenturable Pamela (GRIP) was presiding behind the bar again, and she was wearing a fetching outfit in pale pink, which made her, a friend suggested, more a QUOM (Queen of the May). Purpureous Basil was late on parade, but looking even more joyful than ever when he glanced at the lunchtime scoreboard, which showed Lancashire, after 32 overs, 76 for four.

For Graveney had put Lancashire in, on a pitch with a suggestive shade of green. Lawrence and Curran, his new opening pair, found some life in it. Ormrod was leg-before to Lawrence, O'Shaughnessy to Curran, then Fairbrother caught at the wicket; 23 for three. Fowler resisted well, but was bowled by a good one at 51. Early in the afternoon Abrahams and Simmons went; 94 for six.

It was Watkinson and Jefferies, principally who held the innngs together until tea, when the score was 201 for eight, after 72 overs. Lanchashire had made a fairly effective recovery. The pitch seemed to be less awkward, or perhaps the bowlers were wearying a little.

Lawence, a tall, lean black man, one of only three in the side Gloucestershire-born, bowled with zest and an occasional bouncer and deserved his wickets. Curran, a white Zimbabwean, with a bit of a look of Proctor about him, was more erratic.

Gloucestershire were still not doing at all badly, but the last Lancashire wicket, held by Stanworth and Allott, produced a formidable stand, when Gloucestershire seemed to lose all control. Allott, especially, batted well, but the bowling and the fielding became vague, even incoherent. More than a hundred runs had been put on when the innings ended.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G Fowler b Lawrence	30
J A Ormrod l-b-w b Lawrence	4
† J O Shaughnessy l-b-w b Curran	2
N H Fairbrother c Russell b Lawrence	0
*J Abrahams c Russell b Lawrence	29
M Watkinson c Stovold b Curran	57
J Simmons c Athey b Lawrence	2
S T Jefferies b Curran	57
I Stanworth not out	50
D Foley c Stovold b Graveney	0
P J W Allott b Sainsbury	78
Extras (b 3, l-b 6)	9
Total (97 4 overs)	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–22, 3–23, 4–51, 5–88, 6–94, 7–163, 8–196, 9–203, 10–318.

BOWLING: Lawrence 28–6–78–5, Curran 26–10–62–3; Sainsbury 21.4–5–79–1; Graveney 18–5–50–1, Lloyds 4–1–19–0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold c Simmons b Allott	2
P W Romaines not out	0
†R C Russell retired hurt	0
Total (1 wkt, 0.4 overs)	2

G W J Athey, P Bainbridge, B F Davison, K M Curran, J W Lloyds, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence and G E Sainsbury to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2.

Bonus points (to date): Lancashire 4, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: J H Harris and D R Shepherd.

Boycott masters the boys

By Peter Marson

LORD'S: MCC beat Young Cricketers by 59 runs.

Geoffrey Boycott fashioned a faultless hundred for MCC against MCC Young Cricketers here yesterday. He went on to make 123 not out and lost five partners along the way, before Hutton declared at 254 for five.

That meant the MCC's fledgings would have to hurry along at above 80 runs if they were to win. They failed by some distance, but we had an exciting finish, with Reeve taking six for 27 as MCC secured victory with seven balls to spare.

An unlikely target had slipped from view at the end of the first hour, when the Young Cricketers had made 58 for the loss of Rolfe, yorked by Hutton, and Pook, caught behind, also off Hutton's bowling.

Jenkins batted with promise to make an excellent 92, and he and the rest of Don Wilson's team, especially Pierson, who bowled well to take four wickets, will have earned a thing or two from their experiences.

None of their number will have failed to notice the quality of Boycott's batsmanship. His was, aptly, a masterly display and professional to a high degree. His judgement failed him only once, when he was well past his hundred. Aiming to hoist Pierson to mid-wicket but missing, Boycott received a hurtful blow to his right elbow.

In his next over, Pierson was to pay for that, with the master lofting him to the pavilion fence before driving powerfully through extra cover to the grandstand.

Boycott took 190 minutes compiling his 123 runs in which there were 16 boundaries. He hit seven fours in his 50, which was made in 76 minutes, and added another six.

MCC

G Boycott not out	123
R T Virgin c Clarke b Pierson	22
B Dudleston c Clarke b Topley	0
N E J Pocock b Pierson	12
Asif Din C Pook b Pierson	32
N J Kemp c Weller b Pierson	26
N P D Ross not out	27
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, w 1, n-b 6)	12
Total (5 wkts dec, 64 overs)	254

*R A Hutton, D A Reeve, T M Lamb and †C F E Goldie did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–9, 2–80, 3–109, 4–165, 5–207

BOWLING: Topley 16–7–46–1, Robinson 6–0–37–0, Weller 3–0–28–0; Pierson 23–2–86–4; Wilson 6–1–26–0; Rudd 8–2–25–0.

MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS

G P Jenkins b Reeve	92
G C Rolfe b Hutton	24
R N Pook c Goldie b Hutton	4
G E Bradburn c Pocock b Dudleston	20
C F B Rudd c Lamb b Reeve	26
M J Robinson c Lamb b Reeve	6
T D Topley b Reeve	2
A S Weller c Dudleston b Asif Din	1
A R K Pierson l-b-w b Reeve	5
K M Clarke not out	2
D Wilson b Reeve	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 7)	13
Total (62.5 overs)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–43, 2–58, 3–114, 4–175, 5–175, 6–184, 7–185, 8–190, 9–195, 10–195.

BOWLING: Reeve 14.5–1–27–6; Lamb 6–0–25–0; Hutton 9–3–26–2; Asif Din 21–8–69–1; Dudleston 11–4–37–1; Ross 1–0–5–0.

Umpires: A E Bishop and J F Jarvis.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP

Eton Manor: Kent 303 for dec S N Y Waterton 93, S C Goldsmith 73, S R Waugh 4 for 57; Essex 35 for 1 (Gaydharpe: Derbyshire 136; Nottinghamshire 43 for 4.

Cowdrey in splendid recovery

By Marcus Williams

CANTERBURY: Surrey, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 331 runs behind Kent.

Cricket, it is said, is a funny game and rarely was that adage confirmed more conclusively than at the St Lawrence ground yesterday. In good batting conditions Cowdrey (139) and Hinks (92) made the highest scores of their careers with a sparkling range of strokes and yet nobody else scored more than six until Dilley, at number nine, joined Cowdrey in a profitable late stand.

Kent gained maximum batting points and then Jarvis removed Clinton before the close. It completed a remarkable recovery by Kent's newly appointed captain, has probably never batted better and in his 286-minute stay he hit 17 fours and two sixes. Hinks, a tall, strong-driving left-hander, and Cowdrey put on 173 in even time for the fourth wicket. Hinks holed out to mid-off eight runs short of maiden century, having hit 11 fours and a six.

It was very different at the start. Benson, who had made his best score in the last match, was now leg-before to the first ball as he shuffled across his stumps against Thomas. Tavaré played on to Taylor and Aslett offered no shot to a ball Thomas brought back into him. When he finds his rhythm Thomas can be as hostile as anybody in England; he found it yesterday, adding the wickets of Johnson and Knott, with the help of skilful slip catches and himself taking the good catch offered by Jarvis.

Though cracked in the ribs by his first ball from Thomas, Cowdrey played himself in confidently and was soon hooking Taylor for six and timing his strokes well through the covers. Once Hinks had gone, Cowdrey rode the loss of three partners before tea to pass 100 in 210 minutes and, having stepped imperiously down the pitch to drive Taylor straight into the Frank Woolley stand, he made room once too often to cut Needham and was bowled departing to the deserved standing ovation.

KENT, First Innings

M R Benson l-b-w b Thomas	0
S G Hinks c Pocock b Jesty	92
C J Tavaré b Taylor	1
D G Aslett l-b-w b Thomas	2
*C S Cowdrey b Needham	159
N R Taylor c Stewart b Needham	2
G W Johnson c Lynch b Thomas	6
IA P E Knott c Jesty b Thomas	2
G R Dilley b Needham	31
D L Underwood not out	16
K B S Jarvis c and b Thomas	8
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, w 1, n-b 7)	19
Total	336

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–11, 3–16, 4–189, 5–203, 6–220, 7–227, 8–298, 9–317, 10–336. Score at 100 overs: 325 for 9.

BOWLING: Thomas 25.2–7–51–5, Taylor 18–6–68–1; Pocock 26–2–89–0; Pauline 4–0–18–0; Needham 17–1–67–3; Jesty 11–2–31–1.

SURREY: First Innings

*A R Butcher not out	0
G S Clinton l-b-w b Jarvis	3
P I Pocock not out	1
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 6 overs)	5

A J Stewart, T E Jesty, M A Lynch, D B Pauline, †C J Richards, D J Thomas, A Needham and N S Taylor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3.

Bonus points (to date): Kent 4, Surrey 4.

Umpires: J A Jameson and M J Kitchen.



J G W Davies (above), is to be the next president of the MCC in succession to F G Mann (John Woodcock writes). A former treasurer of the club, he takes over on October 1. As cricketer, he is best remembered for having bowled Bradman for a duck at Fenner's in 1934, when playing for Cambridge University. It was the first time the great man had failed to score in England.

But as an off-spinner, a brilliant cover point, and a forceful batsman, with a top score of 168 for Kent against Worcestershire, he was, in fact, a very useful all-rounder. He was also a good enough centre three-quarter for Blackheath to get an England trial.

For many years he has been closely associated with Cambridge cricket, partly because from 1952 to 1968 he was secretary of the Cambridge University Appointments Board. A former director of the Bank of England, and an eminent psychologist, he was once described to me by Mike Brearley as being very high on his list of those with whom he would like to share his "last dinner" – in other words, a stimulating man. Jack Davis is 73.

Somerset v Glamorgan

AT TAUNTON

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins l-b-w b Daves	8
A L Jones c Rose b Palmer	11
G C Holmes at Rose b Marks	88
Javed Miandad c Gard b Davis	86
Younis Ahmed c Wyatt b Palmer	58
*R C Ontong b Davis	64
J G Thomas c Jones b Botham	37
J F Steele not out	11
Extras (b 5, l-b 4, w 8, n-b 6)	23
Total (7 wkts dec, 98 3 overs)	387

J Derrick, †T Davies and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–25, 3–209, 4–209, 5–301, 6–367, 7–387.

BOWLING: Botham 18–1–45–1; Davis 20.3–2–61–3; Palmer 20–2–97–2; Marks 25–5–109–1; Jones 5–0–20–0; Popplewell 9–0–46–0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

P M Roebuck b Thomas	2
J G Wyatt not out	4
†T Gard not out	1
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 10 overs)	8

N F M Popplewell, R L Ollis, B C Rose, †T Botham, V J Marks, G V Palmer, M R Davis and H P Jones to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Somerset 3, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and P B Wight.

Oxford U v Leicester

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

J C Balderstone c Danny b Quinlan	0
I P Butcher run out	95
J J Whitaker c Harrison b Quinlan	0
N E Briers c Patel b Quinlan	2
G J Parsons c Toogood b Carr	24
IM A Garnham st Harrison b Carr	100
D I Gower b Quinlan	9
P Willey b Carr	57
P A J de Freitas b Carr	0
P B Clift c Patel b Toogood	23
L B Taylor not out	0
Extras (b 12, n-b 1, w 3, n-b 4)	20
Total	330

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–15, 3–21, 4–98, 5–135, 6–172, 7–268, 8–268, 9–326, 10–330.

BOWLING: Thorne 23–5–68–0; Quinlan 21–3–76–4; Lawrence 5–1–23–0; Toogood 11.4–1–48–1, Carr 36–14–65–4; Rutnagur 8–0–37–0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *A J T Miller, G J Toogood, J D Carr, D A Thorne, C Denny, T Patel, D M Tooley, ID Harrison, R S Rutnagur, J D Quinlan, M P Lawrence

Umpires: K H Lyons and N T Plews.

Cambridge U v Middlx

AT FENNER'S

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

W N Slack c Andrew b Scott	81
I P R Downton c Daviss b Cotterell	55
*M W Gatting b Cotterell	60
R O Butcher c Gorman b Andrew	56
C T Radley not out	54
K P Tomlins not out	34
Extras (b 3, l-b 4, n-b 2)	9
Total (4 wkts dec)	369

J E Emburey, N F Williams, J F Sykes, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–88, 2–208, 3–226, 4–287.

BOWLING: Grimes 9–3–11–0; Scott 17–1–75–1; Siddiqi 2–0–12–0, Gorman 19–2–79–0; Cotterell 37–3–153–2; Andrew 12–1–32–1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*C R Andrew not out	28
S Gorman not out	10
Total (no wkt)	38

D Brown, D Fell, P G P Roebuck, D G Price, A G Davies, T A Cotterell, S N Siddiqi, A D H Grimes and A Scott to bat.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D G L Evans.

GOLF

Ballesteros and Lyle take aim at Italian field

Milan (Reuter) – Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, and Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, the defending champion, make their first appearances on this season's European tour in the Italian Open at the Molinetto club today.

The only players in the top six of last season's list of money winners who are absent are the leader, the West German Bernhard Langer, and Howard Clark and Ian Woosnam, who have withdrawn because of back injuries.

Ballesteros flew in from Australia, while Lyle and Nick Faldo, another contender for the title, arrived after playing on the American tour.

Ballesteros has a special incentive to open the season with a flourish as he has won every European Open title except the Italian and the Portuguese.

Europe's stars, who include Manuel Pinero, the winner in Madrid on Sunday, face a tough challenge from North and South America, headed by Jerry Anderson of Canada, Vicente Fernandez of Argentina, and Jaime Gonzalez of Brazil. John Bland, Hugh Baiocchi and Dale Hayes of South Africa are also competing.

Magnus Persson of Sweden and Eamon Darcy of Ireland, are also among the 148 starters on the flat parkland course, within the city limits. The Italian Open is the first major event to be staged on the par-72, 6,019-metre course.

Economical Dibnah charges on

By Mitchell Platts

The anticipated confrontation between Kitrina Douglas and Gillian Stewart materialized when each scored 73 in the first round of the Ford Ladies Classic at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Even so, they were compelled to settle in second place as Corinne Dibnah, aged 22, of Australia, moved into the outright lead with a 70, which is five under par for the Duke's Course.

Miss Dibnah, after turning professional, played four events on the Women's PGA Tour last year. She liked the scene enough to return this year, and she is sharing a travelling motor caravan with her brother Stuart, who is helping save costs by caddying for her.

She might have been sipping coffee rather than a Foster's, but there was no mistaking her Australian bluntness when she insisted: "I don't stay in the best hotels, and I won't be here long unless I win money."

Miss Dibnah, coached at the Royal Queensland Golf Club by Charlie Earp, the mentor of Greg Norman, gathered seven of her eight birdies in the last 12 holes. Her finely judged three-iron approach, around and under Trees, at the 16th hole, brought the best of them.

Earlier, on a windy day, the spectators were attracted by Miss Douglas and Miss Stewart, who were paired together. Miss Douglas, the defending champion, has discovered a few extra yards off the tee, courtesy of switching to a driver with slightly less loft, but she lost none of her accuracy.

For Miss Stewart, it was an encouraging debut on the WPGA Tour. She removed any lingering apprehension about leaving the amateur game by holing from ten feet for a birdie at the first hole on the way to an excellent outward half of 33.

LEADING SCORES (British and Irish unless stated): 70: C Dibnah (Aus), 73: G Stewart, K Douglas; 74: J L Smith, B New; 75: C Panton, D Reed, R Cammack, (US), V Marvin; 76: F Dassu (It), J Stathem, J Lawrence, G Teschner, Y Edanro (Japan), 77: J Brown, A Nicholas, S Moon (US), J Soulsby, D Dowling, S Strudwick, 78: B Huke, J Forrest, C Sharp, C Friend (US), C Langford, M Thomson, M McDougall (US), A Spronen (Fin), P Grice; 79: B Boozer (US), J Smurthwaite, D Heinecke (US), K Lunn (Aus).

TENNIS

Top Swedes live on brink as Jarryd falls to a qualifier

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Hamburg

Most of the leading Swedes might have been auditioning for a James Bond role in the German championships here yesterday. One after another they got into trouble and out of it. Inevitably they tried it on once too often, Anders Jarryd, seeded third, was beaten 7–6, 6–2 by Roberto Arguello, a qualifier from somewhere called Rosario, in Argentina. The muscular little Arguello could confuse anybody. He serves left handed but hits his ground strokes two-fisted on both flanks.

Up to a point everybody was in trouble yesterday. Sporadic sunshine was no compensation for showers and chilling winds. The premises were packed but the spectators were well wrapped. Many players kept their track suit trousers on. Jakobi Hlasek's whites made him look like one of those flannelled heroes of a forgotten or half-forgotten era (depending on how old you are).

Hlasek led Mats Wilander by 5–3 in the first set but the top seed won the next seven games. Hlasek saved match point when he chased a lob and responded with another lob, a winner, off the frame of the racket. Visibly, Hlasek enjoyed that moment more than Wilander did.

Part of a rebuilding programme here has made room for 1,400 more spectators and associated facilities at a cost of more than £200,000. The centre court will be even further expanded before Germany's Davis Cup tie against the United States in August. After that, more than £600,000 will be invested in additional improvements.

The most startling change this year, though, concerns the track-suited corps of line judges. On some courts they all wear a mixture of turquoise and white and on others the common theme is fuchsia. A less evident curiosity was the background of the man Guillermo Vilas beat 6–2, 4–6, 6–1.

It may have escaped your notice that, other than Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald, the most highly ranked Australian in the world is Trevor Allan, aged 29, a blond left-hander who looked to have a future in competitive swimming until he decided that his hands were too small.

Allan, consequently, went on the road as a tennis player and was particularly impressed by France. Since 1974 he has lived at Brive, Toulouse and Marseille in turn and has acquired a French wife – a tennis teacher who fits the bill as a practice partner – and children called Annemarie and Philippe.

In Jarryd's absence the seedings suggest that the last four in the singles will be Wilander v Joakim Nystrom and Juan Aguilera (last year's winner) v Andres Gomez, who may first have to beat last year's runner-up, Henrik Sundstrom. We should note that Hamburg's entry might have been even better but for a clash with Las Vegas. The game's fixture-makers are still learning their trade.

SECOND ROUND: M Wilander (Swe) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 7-5, 6-4; A Gomez (Ecuador) bt M Ostoja (Yugo) 6-2, 6-3; J Nystroem (Swe) bt P Arraya (Peru) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Mecir (Cz) bt S Glickstein (Israel) 6-1, 6-2, J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt S Birner (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; H Sundstroem (Swe) bt S Simonsson (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Vilas (Arg) bt Trevor Allan (Aus) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, F Luna (Sp) bt C Lewis (NZ) 6-2, 6-0; R Arguello (Arg) bt Anders Jarryd (Swe) 7-6, 6-2; M Westphal (WG) bt H de la Pena (Arg) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, J-L Clerc (Arg) bt P Slozil (Cz) 6-2, 6-2.

SHOW JUMPING

French ride high in warm-up for cup

From Jenny MacArthur, Rome

The French confirmed themselves as the favourites for today's Nations' Cup event at the Rome show after dominating yesterday's classes, winning two out of the three competitions. Britain's best performance yesterday came from Jean Germany, who came third on Mandingo – for the second day in succession – after a superbly judged clear round in the accumulator class.

Michel Robert was responsible for the first French victory. He won the opening Premio Villa Borghese riding Jean de la Tour, an attractive bright bay, who was the leading horse at this show last year. The horse's breeding – he is by the French racehorse Roi d'Auge II, out of trotting mare – accounts for his fast turn of foot which he put to good effect on the jump-off, finishing nearly a second ahead of the runner-up, West Germany's Thomas Bartel, on the grey Labamba.

Although the course for this class looked straight forward only seven out of the 41 starters reached the jump-off. The three British riders competing were not among them.



Miss Germany: third again

Geoff Billington and Brinklow knocked down the big oxer after the water, a fence which caused much of the trouble, and Robert Smith had a clumsy round on Vista, collecting 12¼ faults. His father, Harvey, looked as if he harnessed Aligator's considerable energy better than on the previous day, but they were caught out by an upright fence early in the course.

Rozier provided the second French win when he completed the fastest round in the accumulator class, riding Crocodile.

The Swiss rider, Walter Gabathular took second place in the accumulator class, riding Jasper and Miss Germany, who was the first to gain the maximum score, took third place. The reliable, Irish-bred Mandingo has now jumped twice at this show, which Miss Germany feels is the right amount of preparation before today's Nations' Cup event, the focal point of the five-day meeting.

Harvey Smith will ride Sanyo Technology and son, Robert, partners Olympic Video, Billington makes up the team of four, with Preachan.

In the final speed class the French again looked invincible. Robert took up an early lead on La Fayette, only to be overtaken by his compatriot Frederic Cottier, on Flambeau and Pierre Durand, on Jappeloup, who finished just behind Cottier. But their clean sweep was spoiled by the Brazilian, Felipe de Azevedo, who clipped more than a second off Cottier's time.

PREMIO VILLA BORGHESE: 1, Jean de la Tour (M Robert, Fr), 0, in 36.59sec; 2, Labambs (T Bartels, WG), 0, in 37.44; 3, Kala (P Rozier, Fr), 0, in 39.1

PREMIO MARONE CINZANO (accumulator): 1, Crocodile (P Rozier, Fr), 41.67; 2, Jasper (W Gabathuler, Switz), 42.34, 3, Mandingo (J Germany), 44.91

PREMIO LANCIA THEME: 1 Ibchuchuna (F de Azevedo, Brazil), 0, in 50.49; 2, Flambeau (F Cottier, Fr), 0, in 51.68, 3, Jappeloup (P Durand, Fr), 0, in 52.63.

HOCKEY

Sherwani takes on new role at outside left

By Sydney Friskin

Imran Sherwani, usually a centre forward, will be in the new position of outside left for England in the international match against West Germany at Mulheim (Ruhr) on May 12. Sherwani, who for some time has been worried by knee trouble, proved his fitness in the recent training weekend at Bisham Abbey.

James Duthie, who had been playing at outside left, will fall back to left half, alongside other prominent midfield players, Dodds, Potter, and Faulkner. Ian Taylor, the number one goalkeeper, is injured, and his place is taken by Nick Taylor, of Reading, one of two new caps in the squad of 16. The other is Shaw, of Southgate, a forward of high promise.

Also included in the attack is Grimley, who, having played for England in Dublin early last year, has his chance as an outside right.

The same squad will probably represent England in the four-nations tournament from July 13–16 at Amsterdam.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Hurst (St Albans), N Taylor (Reading), P Barber (Slough), R Dodds (Southgate), J Duthie (Southgate), K Bheura (Hounslow), M Grimley (Brooklands), R Clift (Hounslow), J Shaw (Southgate), S Kerly (Southgate), N Hughes (Wakefield, captain), I Sherwani (Stone), R Leman (East Grinstead).

YACHTING

Phillips's grand craft seeks name and fame

By John Nicholls

Peter Phillips's new racing catamaran, at 80 feet long the largest ever built in Britain, was launched in the presence of the Mayor of Exeter at Topsham on the River Exe yesterday. Still unnamed, as a large sign reading "space for rent" on her side proclaims, the potential world-beater is still looking for sponsors to enable her to be properly campaigned.

So far, Phillips has relied on a few local backers, much voluntary labour and support from Exeter City Council and the marine trade. The craft was constructed in the remarkably short time of 24 weeks and launched, as Phillips predicted, on his fiftieth birthday.

Designed by John Shuttleworth, the new cat is the only British multi-hull with the potential to break the dominance of the French in this specialized form of racing. For the past few years, British entries have had to be content with competing for class wins. Phillips intends to go all out for the overall prizes.

He hopes to be sailing in 10 days' time and to be fully worked up by the start of the Round Britain race on July 6. After that he will be in the Round Europe race, from Kiel to Sardinia, starting in early August.

RUGBY UNION

Blazey voices reservations over itinerary

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Ces Blazey, chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Council, admitted yesterday that he had some reservations about the 16-match itinerary the All Blacks will undertake in South Africa this summer. In what appears to be a case of shutting a stable door with the horse long gone, Mr Blazey said that threats of disruption had not been taken into account when the tour was planned.

"The itinerary was worked out solely from a playing point of view," he said. "

RACING: SWINBURN RECEIVES IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF 21 DAYS FOR RECKLESS RIDING AT EPSOM

Dafayna's speed can settle first classic

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following those near misses with Fair Salinia and Our Home, Michael Stoute and Greville Starkey can make it third time lucky in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket today with **Dafayna**. Stoute also runs Bella Colora, with Lester Piggott aboard, and following that highly commendable run behind Oh So Sharp in the Nell Gwyn Stakes a fortnight ago, she must surely go well too.

It is common knowledge that opinion in the Stoute camp is divided. I prefer Dafayna because she looks the faster and I know that Walter Swinburn, who would have ridden her but for his suspension, feels the same.

A year ago Meis el Reem came from a pretty impossible position to win the Salisbury fillies trial on good ground before going on to finish second in her Guineas. When retaining her unbeaten record Dafayna came from even further back on awful ground in the same Salisbury trial and won. Waht is more, she had a bad run into the bargain.

On paper, beating Devon Defender by just a short head may not look like the performance of a potential classic winner, but there was much more in it than meets the eye and I have no intention of deserting Dafayna. Blessed with that sort of pace, she should be able to quicken past her stable companion and Oh So Sharp on the run down the hill into the dip.

Oh So Sharp, from Henry Cecil's yard, which has sent out One In A Million and Fairy Footsteps to win this particular classic in recent years, will not give up without a struggle. But I still believe that she could prove vulnerable when challenged by a filly with Dafayna's proven pace. From a betting point of view, Oh So Sharp looks too short at current odds to beat such a strong field, in spite of her fine record.

Strong opposition has gathered from overseas, with Vilikaia and Antartica representing a strong two-pronged French challenge and Aviance and Triptych and double-barrelled attack from David O'Brien in Ireland.

Although Vilikaia beat Antartica at Maisons Laffitte last month the feeling still abides in Chantilly that Antartica is basically the better, and that feeling is born out by a glance through last season's form book. Triptych had good form in France last year when she was trained there, but she was anything but a convincing winner of her only race in Ireland this spring, and it is significant that Christy Roche, O'Brien's stable jockey, is on Aviance, who has not run this season. Aviance is undeniably quick and she will be a big threat if she manages to last the Rowley Mile. Although she is bred to get the trip, her ability to do so must be taken on trust.

By all accounts, Al Bahathri has come on considerably since she was just pipped by Top Socialite at Newbury 13 days ago. Yet Top Socialite's performance that day can only have increased her trainer's confidence in her stable companions, Dafayna and Bella Colora, who are held in higher esteem.

Those in search of a long shot could do a lot worse than have a small flutter each way on Ulla Laing at 40-1. She is trained by Barry Hills, who prepared Enstone Spark to win this classic without having to resort to giving her a preparatory race. My information that Ulla Laing's recent homework has been of an exemplary nature.

Nevertheless, Hills's best chances today lie with **Esquire** (3.0) and **Rhusted** (4.50). Esquire managed to finsih in front of Slip Anchor and Gay Captain in the Gerry Feilden Stakes a fortnight ago after anything but a good run, and he is taken to confirm that form in the Heathorn Stakes, albeit on marginally worse terms.

Rhusted (nap) is my idea of the day's best bet to win the March Handicap. Before the season began, Hills prophesied that Rhusted would turn out to be a much improved horse this season. And that is precisely what he looks when he strolled away with a similar race at the last Newmarket meeting. Now I expect him to win again even though he faces tougher opposition, principally in the shape of Popsi's Joy and Insular, second and third respectively, in the Queen's Prize at Kempton.

Eagling, beaten only a short head by Rockmartin on his reappearance at Newbury, can go one better in the May Stakes while Lucky Ring looks a fair bet to win the Hastings Maiden Stakes following that promising run behind Batavc and Ilton Moor at the Craven meeting.

BIG RACE FIELD

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o fillies: £85,647: 1m) (18 runners)

401 01113-2 **AL BAHATHRI** (ch Blushing Groom-Chain Store) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) (BF) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ..... A Murray 14
(Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)

402 131-2 **ANTARTICA** (ch Arctic Tern-Madame Clawde) (D) (M E Palmer) P Biancone (Fr) 9-0 ..... E Legrix 7
(Dark blue blouson, white seam, white cap)

403 11- **AVIANCE** (ch Northfields-Minnie Hawk) (R Sangster) D O'Brien (Ire) 9-0
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap green spots) Roache 8

404 11-2 **BELLA COLORA** (b Bellypha-Reprocolor) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 9-0 ..... L Piggott 18
(Black, white spots on body, white cap)

405 2402-10 **CHARGE ALONG** (ch Don-Belaying Pin) (D McIntyre) J Winter 9-0 ..T Ives 4
(Royal blue, white epaulets and star on cap)

406 11-1 **DAFAYNA** (b Habitat-Dumka) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0 ..... G Starkey 1
(Green, red epaulets)

407 100-2 **DEVON DEFENDER** (br Home Guard-Plymouth Sound) (A J Bingley Ltd) D Elsworth 9-0 ..... B Rouse 3
(Whites, light green sash, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)

409 10210-0 **GLORY OF HERA** (b Formidable-As Blessed) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0
(Royal blue, white hoop on body, striped cap) G Baxter 15

410 3318- **HILLY** (ch Town Crier-Alpine Damsel) (Ld Tavistock) C Nelson 9-0
(Purple and white stripes, black velvet cap gold tassel) J Mercer 11

411 31- **KASHI LAGOON** (b or br Ile De Bourbon-Fenella) (C) (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 9-0
(Lemon, dark blue diamond and sleeves) B Raymond 2

412 04211-3 **MERLE** (b Gunner B-Tamerlante) (J Adam) R Sheather 9-0 ..... P Cook 5
(Royal blue and scarlet diamonds, striped sleeves, scarlet cap)

413 111-1 **OH SO SHARP** (ch Kris-Oh So Fair) (C,D) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 10
(Maroon, white sleeves and star on cap)

415 1-10 **QUE SYMPATICA** (b Young Generation-High Finale) (Mrs A Muinos) R Boss 9-0 ..... M Miller 13
(Yellow, green diamond on body and cap)

416 0044-31 **QUIET THOUGHTS** (ch Thatching-Fleet Serenade) (Mrs E Cafolla) M Grassick (Ire) 9-0 ..... D Parnell 6
(Emerald green, orange stripe, green and white striped cap)

417 0113-1 **STELLA GRANDE**, (ch Record Token-Grove Star) (Mr D McIntyre) R Sheather 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 17
(Royal blue, white epaulets and star on cap)

418 121-1 **TRIPTYCH** (b Riverman-Trillion) (D) (A Clore) D O'Brien (Ire) 9-0
(Light blue, blue and mauve halved sleeves) Pat Eddery 9

419 11413- **ULLA LAING** (br Mummy's Pet-Goosie-Gantlet) (A Boon) B Hills 9-0
(Purple, grey sleeves) R Hills 16

420 212-1 **VILIKAIA**, (ch Nureyev-Baracala) (D) (R Sangster) Mrs C Head (Fr) 9-0
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap green spots) F Head 12

1984: Pebbles 9-0 P Robinson 8-1 C Brittain 15 ran.

2 Oh So Sharp, 5 Dafayna, 6 Bella Colora, 7 Aviance, 8 Triptych, 10 Antartica, Vilikaia, 14 Al Bahathri, 33 Kashi Lagoon, Devon Defender, 40 Merle, Stella Grande, 50 others.

FORM: AL BAHATHRI (9-0) head 2nd of 9 to Top Socialite (9-0) 1½l back in 3rd. **AVIANCE** (8-11) 3l Phoenix Park winner from subsequently disqualified Well Related (9-0) (6f, £37,624, firm Aug 11, 8 ran). **DAFAYNA** (8-13) beat **DEVON DEFENDER** (8-9) short head at Salisbury (7f, £5,903, heavy Apr 13, 8 ran). **KASHI LAGOON** (8-5) beat **CHARGE ALONG** (8-5) by 1l with **ULLA LAING** (8-8) short head back in 3rd (Newmarket, 7f, £11,580, good, Oct 19, 8 ran). **OH SO SHARP** (8-10) beat **BELLA COLORA** (8-10) 1l (Newmarket, 7f, £12,233, good, Apr 18, 8 ran), with **QUE SYMPATICA** (8-7) 4½l back in 5th and **CHARGE ALONG** (8-7) 7th. **STELLA GRANDE** (8-9) head Epsom winner from Dublian (8-9) (8.5f, £19,224, good, Apr 23, 10 ran). **TRIPTYCH** ¾l Phoenix Park winner (8-12) from Burning Issue (8-7) his season; last year was 4l Longchamp winner (8-9) from Silvermine (8-9) (8f, £24,752, heavy, Oct 7, 9 ran). **VILIKAIA** (9-2) beat **ANTARTICA** (9-2) neck (Maisons-Laffitte, 7f, £9,830, heavy, Apr 9, 9 ran).
Selection: OH SO SHARP.



Purchasepaperchase (right) ridden by Bruce Raymond, speeds past Perfect Match in the closing stages of the Autobar Stakes at Ascot yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Hern has cause to celebrate as Longboat breaks the ice

By John Karter

By Dick Hern's exalted standards, success in Ascot's Mono Sagaro Stakes would usually be regarded as nothing to write home about. However, the victory of Hern's colt, Longboat, in that particular event yesterday must have given the West Ilsley trainer as much pleasure in its way as any of his classic triumphs.

Hern has only recently returned to West Ilsley from Stoke Mandeville hospital after a hunting accident which left him paralyzed before Christmas. Since his return he has insisted on making his way up to the gallops every morning in his mechanized conveyance to watch the horses work. In fact, Ian Cocks, his assistant, says that not only is Hern now training the horses, but he already knows every one of his large string of two-year-olds.

Before yesterday, however, Hern's gallant efforts had not borne fruit. His horses had all been running well but not producing that vital spark that separates winners from losers. It was a similar brand of dogged courage to Hern's that enabled Longboat to wear down last year's Mono Sagaro and Ascot Gold Cup winner, Gildoran, in the dying strides and so wipe the clouds of anxiety from the West Ilsley sky.

For a son of Welsh Pageant, Longboat stays surprisingly well, although, as Carson pointed out afterwards, he won the Queen Alexandra Stakes over 2¾ miles at the Royal meeting on Balinger, another Welsh Pageant horse. Indeed, Carson has always believed Longboat's stamina to be his strong suit and now that the horse has proved it, he will be prepared for the most glittering stayers' prize of all, the Gold Cup in June.

If Carson had to produce his very best Arnold Schwarzenegger impression to pump Longboat home, then he had to produce little more in the way of muscle than the guy who gets sand kicked in his face to win the Autobar Victoria Cup on Tremblant. Always in the first three, Carson surged into the lead three furlongs out and was soon clear of his 21 rivals.

As the winner had finished unplaced in his two previous runs this season and started a well-backed 8-1 in yesterday's extremely competitive handicap, there were those who believed the stewards would have been justified in holding an inquiry.

Be that as it may, Tremblant is clearly better than ever now and can be expected to win more good prizes for Khaled Abdulla. Ron Smyth, Tremblant's trainer, nominated the Royal Hunt Cup as his principal mid-season objective.

Carson looked certain to ride a third winner when he brought Trojan Prince to challenge the pace-making Vertige in the White Rose Stakes. Incredibly, however, Vertige, who has been labelled faint-hearted during his short career, answered Steve Cauthen's every call manfully and pulled away again to win.

It was, incidentally, Cauthen's birthday yesterday, and we were left to reflect not only what a supremely competent rider this mild-mannered Kentuckian has become, but also what he has achieved at the tender age of 25.

The afternoon had begun on an ironic note for Cauthen's predecessor, at Warren Place, Lester Piggott, who, having gained the ride on Shadeed in the 2,000 Guineas in the morning, missed riding Purchasepaperchase, his only mount of the day, to victory in the opening Autobar Stakes when his car broke down on the way to Ascot. So, it seems, even Lester's hot line to heaven gets engaged sometimes.

● John Francome, already assured of his seventh champion jockeys' title even though he retired from the saddle last month, received the award as Piper champagne jockey of the year at the National Hunt awards dinner in London. The trainer of the year was Nicky Henderson.

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NEWMARKET 2.0 Nasib. 2.30 All Is Revealed. 4.50 Keyops.

Piggott steps in for coveted ride on Shadeed

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggott's extraordinary domination of the classic scene continued yesterday when it was announced that the 49-year-old maestro would be riding Shadeed in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas. No sooner had the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club awarded a 21-day suspension to Walter Swinburn for his reckless riding of Lord Grundy at Epsom than Michael Stoute confirmed the booking of Piggott for Shadeed. Willie Carson will replace the 11-times champion on Bairn, the second favourite for the big race.

Thirty one years have passed since Piggott claimed the first of his record 28 classic successes on Never Say Die in the 1954 Derby. And yet only last year he was still hammering home the lesson of his continuing supremacy with virtuoso performances on Circus Plume and Commanche Run in the Oaks and St Leger.

Michael Stoute refused to comment on his booking of Piggott. But the reasons are obvious. The Maktoums have invested a fortune in bloodstock in the past five years. And with the banning of Swinburn from the saddle it would seem logical to switch Piggott from Bairn to Shadeed, whose claims on form are stronger than those of the Greenham Stakes winner.

John Leat, principal adviser to Sheikh Mohammed, the owner of Bairn, tacitly acknowledged this when he said yesterday: "It was a family decision." Piggott will be seeking his fourth 2,000 Guineas victory, his most recent win having been gained on Nijinsky, Shadeed's sire, in 1970.

Luca Cumani, Bairn's trainer, was also holding his cards close to his chest. "I'm more than delighted to have Carson riding for me," he said. "We've already enjoyed a lot of success together." Carson has become available as Dick Hern has decided against running Local Suitor.

Swinburn's ban, which takes effect from today, was awarded after a one and threequarter hours hearing of the disciplinary committee in Portman Square. Sir William Dugdale was chairman, the other members of the committee being Christopher Lloyd and Anthony Mildmay-White.

Evidence was heard from Dick Hollingsworth, a steward of the meeting, the stewards' secretary, Swinburn, Jeremy Richardson, his solicitor, and also from Paul Eddery and Michael Hills, who both rode in the Blue Riband Trial. The committee upheld the local stewards' opinion that Swinburn had been guilty of reckless riding when forcing his way through on Lord Grundy to challenge Lightning Dealer, the eventual winner.

In awarding the jockey a three-weeks sentence, rather than the minimum of 14 days, the authorities obviously took the view that Swinburn's actions might have caused an accident. The effects, nevertheless, are extremely severe in the Swinburn will have to forfeit the mount not only on Dafyna and Shadeed in the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas but also in the important trials that lie ahead at Chester, Lingfield and York. He will resume riding on May 23.

Swinburn at first was considering an appeal against the decision, but later withdrew on the advice of his counsel.

Now in his fifth season as stable jockey to Stoute, Swinburn has been performing with singular skill and dash this Spring.

Lates news on the Guineas front is that Shadeed's price has hardened to 11-8 on for the 2,000. In the fillies' classic there was good backing for Bella Colora, Piggott's mount, and Triptych. Pat Eddery has been engaged to ride Triptych, whose odds were cut from 16-1 to 9-1 with Ladbrokes. Richard Hills is to be substituted for Eddery on Ulla Laing.

Cecil is fined £2,000 for breach of retainer rules



Henry Cecil, the champion trainer, was fined £2,000 by the Jockey Club stewards at Portman Square yesterday for a breach of rules concerning jockeys' retainers.

The disciplinary inquiry followed newspaper allegations that Lester Piggott, then stable jockey at Cecil's Newmarket yard, had requested and received payment over and above the retainer which must be registered with Weatherbys, the Jockey Club administrators.

Cecil was found to be in breach of rule 75, which states that the terms of all agreements must be registered at the *Racing Calendar* office. The committee heard evidence from Cecil, legally represented by Jeremy Richardson, and Piggott.

A statement issued afterwards said: "The committee found that although Cecil had registered retainers between himself and Piggott at the *Racing Calendar* office each season, these did not include all details of the terms agreed by both parties. They imposed a fine of £2,000 for the breach of rule 75 in 1982, having taken into account the breaches for the three following years."

Both Piggott and Cecil left the inquiry without commenting. The maximum fine for the offence is £3,000.

Cecil has been champion trainer for five of the past eight years and in 1982 won record prize money of £372,614. Piggott was stable jockey for four years from 1981 to 1984 but the two parted company last year and Steve Cauthen joined Cecil as stable jockey at the beginning of this season.

NEWMARKET

Ch4

[Televised: 2.30, 3.0, 3.40, 4.15]
Going: good to firm
Draw advantage: none

2.0 MAY STAKES (3-y-o: £3,457: 1m 1f) (9 runners)

102 213 **NASIB** (BF) (B) (A Salman) W O'Gorman 8-13 ..... T Ives 5
105 312-0 **PRINCESS CARIOLE** (A Aldhat) G Huffer 8-8 ..... M Miller 2
106 **CORRIDOR KEY** (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-7 ..... R Guest 9
107 3-2 **EAGLING** (Lady H de Walden) H Cecil 8-7 ..... S Cauthen 3
108 0 **FREEDOM'S CHOICE** (O Phipps) J Dunlop 8-7 ..... W Carson 4
110 000002- **KAMPGLOW** (R Doughty) D Thom 8-7 ..... T Quinn 7
112 **PERKIN WARBECK** (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-7 ..... L Piggott 6
114 3- **SLANEY** (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-7 ..... Pat Eddery 8
115 0 **THAMES ISLAND** (F Hamilton) G Brittain 8-7 ..... P Robinson 1

1984: No corresponding race.

5-4 Eagling, 7-2 Slaney, 6 Nasib, Perkin Warbeck, 10 Freedom's Choice, 12 Princess Cariole, 16 others.

2.30 HASTINGS MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £3,795: 1m) (16)

201 000-0 **ALL IS REVEALED** (B) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 9-0 ..... G Baxter 9
202 **BIG REEF** (Mrs V Gauca del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... B Rouse 11
203 0 **CHICLET** (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... J Mercer 15
205 **FISH 'N' CHIPS** (Dr M Botta) L Cumani 9-0 ..... R Guest 7
206 **FRAX** (P de Bourl) L Cumani 9-0 ..... L Piggott 16
207 042- **GARARO** (Maj P Ness) D Ringer 9-0 ..... P d'Arcy 12
208 **GRAND PAVOIS** (D Widenstein) H Cecil 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 5
209 324-20 **ICE ATTACK** (M Fustok) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn 13
211 2-3 **LUCKY RING** (Sir M Sobel) W Hern 9-0 ..... W Carson 8
212 00-4 **NICORIDGE** (E Moller) D Wragg 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 14
213 0- **POWER CHORD** (E Kronfeld) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 ..... R Lines 1
214 44- **REDREED** (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 9-0 ..... B Raymond 4
215 0 **SIYAH KALEM** (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... T Ives 2
217 **WHAT A MOSS** (S Hsui) R Armstrong 9-0 ..... P Robinson 10
219 3- **KRISTANA** (R Hannoud) G Huffer 8-11 ..... G Carter 6
220 0 **NIGEL'S STAR** (V Coomaraswamy) P Haslam 8-11 ..... T Williams 3

1984: Karkan 9-0 A Clark (9-1) G Harwood 20 ran.

3 Grand Pavois, 4 Lucky Ring, 5 Nicoridge, 6 Frax, 8 Ice Attack, 10 Big Reef, 12 Siyah Kalem, Redreed, 14 others.

FORM: CHICLET (9-0) never nearer 11th, beaten 17½l behind Millers Mate (8-9) here (8f, £4480, good, Apr 17, 25 ran). **SIYAH KALEM** (9-0) and **NIGEL'S STAR** (8-11) were further behind. **ICE ATTACKS** about 9l 8th of 9 to Les Arcs (8-8) here last time, earlier (8-8) nearest finish when 11¼l 2nd of 6 to Charge Along (8-5) at Leicester (7f, £3609, heavy, Mar 20). **LUCKY RING** (9-0) ran on well when beaten neck and short head in 3rd behind Batavc (8-11) here (6f, £2805, good, Apr 16, 12 ran). **NICORIDGE** (8-0) ran on well when 3¾l 4th of 20 to Dieghpharai (9-0) here (7f, £3169, good, Apr 18). **REDREED** (8-11) last time, earlier (9-0) about 11½l 4th of 14 to Morning Devotion (Newmarket, 6f, £3316, good, Aug 25).
Selection: LUCKY RING

3.0 HEATHORN STAKES (3-y-o colts: £8,484: 1m 2f) (6)

301 024121- **MAC'S REEF** (M George) M Ryan 9-2 ..... P Robinson 4
302 1-0 **GAY CAPTAIN** (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-10 ..... W Carson 3
303 41-3 **SLIP ANCHOR** (Ld H de Walden) H Cecil 8-10 ..... S Cauthen 1
305 2-2 **ESQUIRE** (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-5 ..... M Hills 2
307 0-4 **FLYING SAUCER** (J Haverhals) J Dunlop 8-5 ..... Pat Eddery 5
308 24 **YPSILANTIS** (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-5 ..... G Baxter 6

1984: Claude Monet 8-10 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) H Cecil 8 ran.

6-4 Esquire, 2 Slip Anchor, 5 Gay Captain, 6 Flying Saucer, 10 Mac's Reef, 16 Ypsilanis.

FORM: MACS REEF (8-11) neck Goodwood winner from Old Bailey (8-11) (8f, £3,732, good to soft, Oct 1, 8 ran). **ESQUIRE** (8-5) 1½l 2nd of 8 to Les Arcs (8-8) here (9f, £7,700, good, Apr 18). **SLIP ANCHOR** (9-1) was a neck away in 3rd and **GAY CAPTAIN** (9-1) further back in 5th. **FLYING SAUCER** (9-0) ran on when 11¼l 4th of 26 to Rockmartin (9-0) at Newbury (8f, £3,113, good, Apr 20).
Selection: SLIP ANCHOR

Ryan takes heavy fall

Willie Ryan had a crashing fall at Catterick Bridge yesterday when his saddle slipped on Winding Path, and he was hurled to the ground with several of the other runners for the Sedbury Maiden Auction Stakes just avoiding him.

The race went to the 14-1 outsider Princess Pamela, who provided George Duffield with his 13th winner of the season.

Princess Pamela provided the Melton Mowbray trainer Paul Felgate with his first two-year-old winner of the season. Mrs Betty Felgate, representing her husband said: "I expect Princess Pamela will probably turn out again somewhere on Bank holiday Monday."

Ryan was inspected by the course doctor and found to have mild concussion. He will not ride until tomorrow.

Kelso results

Going: Good;
2.30 (2m chase) 1, The Howlet (T G Dun, 5-1); 2, Park Tower (4-1); 3, Hold Off (14-1). 3-1 favourite, Dawn River, 3l, 1½, 1, 13 ran. NR: Cool Kit. K Oliver TOTE: £2.50. £1.10, £2.10, £5.90. DF: £9.80. CSF: £24.37.
3.00 (2m hurdle) 1, Regabury (C Grant, 8-1); 2, Mount Rule (3-1 fav); 3, Tot (4-1. ¾l, 1 ½l 6 ran. R Fisher. TOTE: £6.50; £2.70, £1.90. £1.10. DF: £24.90. CSF: £29.87. Tot brushed in first place, followed by High Drop in second and Regabury in third. Following a Stewards Inquiry, Tot and High Drop had interfered with Mount Rule.
3.30 (2m Hurdle) 1, Coal Jamie (J Kingne, 15-2); 2, Hasty Import (16-1); 3, Sharp Song (6-1). 3-1 favourite, Amber Rambler. ½l, 2l. 15 ran. NR: Royal Radar. R Allan. TOTE: £5.90; £1.80, £17.10, £1.40. DF: £2.20 winner or second. CSF: £117.31 Tricast: £718.05
4.00 (2m 5f chase) 1, Worthy Heiress (A Stringer, 11-2); 2, Geanys Cold Rolled (5-1); 3, Little Frenchman (5-1). 7-2 favourite, Jemares Hare. 7l, 2 ½l. 10 ran. E Robson. TOTE: £7.70; £3.50, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £25.90. CSF: £32.49. Tricast: £130.82.
4.30 (3m chase) 1, Bobjob (Mr T Brockbank, 14-1); 2, Satnanda (33-1); 3, Youghal (8-11 fav). 2., ½l. 12 ran. J Brockbank. TOTE: £15.90; £2.70, £3.50, £1.70. DF: £89.10.
5.00 (3m 1f hurdle) 1, Dan d'Or (Mr T Reed, 7-1); 2, Goldsocks (15-1); 3, Telegraph Bush (15-1) 9-4 favourite, Black Combe. 12l, 2 ½l. 21 ran. Cheeny's Brg. E Robson. TOTE: £8.60; £2.90, £2.80, £5.80, £1.80 winner or second with any other. CSF: £106.42 3.30 race, NR: Reliable Wyrz. PLACEPOT: £361.80.

Catterick Bridge

Going: Good to firm
2.15 (5f) 1, PRINCESS PAMELA (G Duffield, 14-1); 2, Pumcle Creak (N Carlisle, 10-1); 3, National Pandeggo (D Nicholls, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Keep It Secret, 6 Neds Expressa (6th), 11 Deccan Princess. 12 Glenaorn, 16 Robs (4th), Winding Path (u.r.). Joysong (5th), 20 Dragon Slayer, Pathos, Poplar, 25 Flying Parade, Fur Baby, Toros Queen. 16 ran. 2l, ½l, 3l, ½l, nk, P Felgate at Melton Mowbray. TOTE: £14.30; £3.80, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £33.50. CSF: £157.71.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, FRISKY HOPE (N Connorton, 12-1); 2, Young April (R Hills, 9-4); 3, Jansuk (M Birch, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Barcham Prince, 10 Ruby James, 14 Our Dudley, 20 Tomradetonoyle, Tin Ribs (6th), Optimosa (4th), Lee Anne Leyton, 25 Green Market, Ali's Comet, Grey Coral (5th). 14 ran. ½l, 5l, 4l, 5l, 4l. W Pearce at Thirsk. TOTE: £11.50; £2.30, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £34.00. CSF: £45.12. Bought in 3,200gns.

3.15 (6f) 1, TANFEN (N Carlisle, 9-1); 2, Trade High (R Hills, 7-2 fav); 3, Zemyatta (D Leadbitter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-2 Gods Solution (4th), 13-2 Nellie Bly, 7 Pokerbayes (6th), 15-2 Blessit, 10 Sharousska, Spoilt For Choice, 12 Pergoda, 16 Ferrybost, Off Your Mark (5th), 33 Autumn Ballet, 13 ran. Hd, 7l, hd, 1 ½l, ½l. T Craig at Dunbar. TOTE: £19.50; £4.20, £1.90, £11.80. DF: £15.90. CSF: £41.62. TRICAST: £733.73

3.45 (5f) 1, EXAMINATION (A Bond, 8-1); 2, Dublin Lad (B Googan, 5-2); 3, Lady Chantry (S Webster, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Cabsack (5th) Master Mossies, 50 Fandango Boy (4th) Oriental Express (6th) Dubliaire, 8 Ran. NR: Mamyor. 1½l, 6l, 1¼l, ¾. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote £4.30. £1.10, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £11.10. CSF: £18.68.

4.15 (1m 7f 180yds) 1, STONE JUG (M Wigham, 16-1); 2, Red Duster (S Webster, 8-1); 3, Holly Berry (A Proud, 7-2 fav); 4, Special Settlement (C Dwyer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Carnegies (6th), 8 Path's Super (5th), 13-2 Secret Finale, 14 Stay Sharp, 16 Strathcoonon, On Leave, 33 Gamon, Hot Betsy, Hydrangea, 50 Yarborough, Papageno, Jojapsa, Valoroso, Bushy Boy. 18 ran. NK, ¼l, 4l, 2½l, ¾l. Miss S Hall at Middleham. Tote: £12.70; £2.00, £1.60, £1.80. £5.80 DF: £54.90. CSF: £131.21. Tricast: £507.06.

4.45 (7f) 1, ARGYLL MAJOR (D Leadbitter, 18-1); 2, Is Happena (M Hindley, 50-1); 3, Hamlets Wood (A Barclay, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Bold Lassie, 5 Sterrator, 7 Billy Whitehouse, 8 Silent Gain, 11 Cut A Caper, 25 Qualitair Lady (4th, dd-ht), Toby's Best. 50 But of Lewis, Hopkins Chance, Night Guest, Run For Fred, Decision Mate, Our Simmie, Stay Tender. 19 ran. NR, Foxy Dyke. 1½l, 2l, 1l, dh, 1¼l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £22.90; £5.00, £5.40, £1.60. DF: £89.80. CSF: £578.84. Placepot: £6.85.

Newmarket selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Eagling. 2.30 Lucky Ring. 3.0 Esquire. 3.40 Dafayna. 4.15 Fun Galore. 4.50 RHUSTED (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Eagling. 2.30 Fish 'N' Chips. 3.0 Slip Anchor. 3.40 Oh So Sharp. 4.15 Wiki Wiki Wheels. 4.50 Water Cannon.

By Michael Seely
3.40 DAFAYNA (nap). 4.15 Batoni. 4.50 Rhusted.

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o fillies: £85,647: 1m)

(Runners and riders above)

4.15 BRETBY HANDICAP (£5,608: 6f) (13)

502 2/6300- **IDOLIZED** (D) (N Blyth) L Cumani 4-9-12 ..... L Piggott 8
503 000-20 **VORVADOS** (CD) (Miss F Galbraith) M Haynes 5-8-12 ..... S Cauthen 7
505 4221- **BRIG CHOP** (Sheikh Mohammed) J Cechanowski 4-9-4 ..... G Baxter 6
506 400300- **WIKI WIKI WHEELS** (C,D) (P Savill) R Sheather 5-8-3 ..... Pat Eddery 2
507 202204- **MAAZI** (D) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-1 ..... T Quinn 9
509 2210-00 **KATHRED** (CD) (Mrs Famdon Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-8-10 ..... R Lappin 7
510 00060-0 **SYLVAN BARNUM** (D) (B) (O Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-8 ..... G Duffield 5
511 003000- **ASSWAN** (D) (Sultan Adham) J Hindley 5-8-5 ..... M Hills 10
512 100000- **CANIF** (D) (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 4-8-5 ..... P Robinson 13
515 031-232 **BATONI** (D) (BF) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 5-8-3 ..... M Birch 12
516 0000-04 **NUMISMATIST** (D) (A Schonlau) M Salaman 5-8-0 ..... R Street 4
517 000030-2 **FUN GALORE** (D) (B) (Holdens Caravan Park) R Akehurst 4-8-0 ..... W Carson 11
519 03-3040 **CAMPS HEATH** (A Whitaside) F Durr 4-7-7 ..... W Woods 5 1

1984: Korypheos 5-7-8 W Ryan (7-1) P Mitchell 7 ran.

3 Fun Galore, 4 Batoni, 5 Idolized, 6 Brig Chop, 8 Vorvados, 10 Numismatist, 12 Canif, 14 others.

FORM: IDOLIZED, 8th last time, previously (9-7) about 8l 6th of 11 to Dole Realm (7-7) at Newcastle (6f, £10,196, good to firm, Aug 13). **VORVADOS** (9-12) 8¼l 9th of 9 to Grey Desire (9S12) here (6f, £7,674, good, Apr 17). **MAAZI** (9-4) 6½l 4th of 14 to Shmaisekh (9-7) over 7f here (£5,361, good, Oct 5). **SYLVAN BARNUM** 10th on heavy ground on reappearance, last season (8-0) beat Sepia (9-0) a head on the July course here (6f, £6,045, good, to firm, July 10, 14 ran). **NUMISMATIST** (8-4) about 2l short of 1st to Corrymbal (9-3) at Chepstow (6f, £5,067, soft, Apr 18). **KATHRED** (9-2) was 9th. **FUN GALORE** (8-8) short head 2nd of 10 to Alish (9-13) at Kempton (6f, £2,511, heavy, Apr 12. **NUMISMATIST** (8-8) was further 9½l back in 5th.
Selection: MAAZI

4.50 MARCH HANDICAP (£4,370: 2m) (8)

601 24134-1 **RHUSTED** (C) (A Shead) B Hills 4-9-13 (4 ex) ..... S Cauthen 6
602 03210-3 **INSULAR** (C) (The Queen) I Balding 5-9-10 ..... Pat Eddery 8
603 022110- **WATER CANNON** (D) (F Lee) J Hindley 4-8-8 ..... M Hills 4
604 3240-23 **POPSI'S JOY** (CD) (V M Lawson) M Haynes 10-8-4 ..... P Cook 3
605 02311-8 **JAMESMEAD** (C) (BF) (D Allen) D Elsworth 4-8-1 ..... B Rouse 5
606 4000-40 **JACKDAW** (D) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-5 ..... W Ryan 5
607 020-000 **KEYOPS** (B) (K Al-Said) N Callaghen 4-8-1 ..... W Carson 7
608 001-004 **BEAKER** (D) (G Lowe) M Naughton 5-7-7 ..... S Dawson 3 1

1984: Prince Of Peace 4-9-2 L Piggott (11-8 fav) H Cecil 8 ran.

6-4 Rhusted, 5-2 Insular, 5 Popsi's Joy, 8 Jamesmead, 10 Water Cannon, 12 Jackdaw, 16 Beaker, 20 Keyops.

FORM: RHUSTED (9-1) had **KEYOPS** (7-7) 5l back in 5th when scoring here (1m 5f, £3,804, good, Apr 18, 10 ran). **POPSI'S JOY** (9-7) 1½l 2nd of 16 to Aldo King (8-12) at Newbury (2m, £2,154, good, Apr 19). **JAMESMEAD** (9-5) was 11¾l further back in 9th, previously **POPSI'S JOY** (8-12) 1½l 2nd of 12 to Floyd (7-11) at Kempton (2m, £4,737, good to soft, Apr 6). **INSULAR** (9-8) was 3l further away in 3rd. Last season **POPSI'S JOY** (8-2) beaten neck and two heads into 4th by Prince Crow (7-12) at Ascot (2m £5,451, good to firm, July 27). **JACKDAW** (8-6) was 3l further back in 5th.
Selection: JACKDAW

Ascot results

Going: good

2.0 AUTOBAR STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £6,784: 1m)

PURCHASEPAPERCHASE b f by Young Generation–Tin Goddess (J Bray) 8-11 ..... B Raymond (15-2) 1
Perfect Match br f by Kris–Ywooca (A Clore) 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery (3-1) 2
Ma Petite Jolie bf by Northern Dancer–Ballade (Miss H Al Maktoum) 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn (9-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Desire d'Amore (4th), 5 Crimsoume, 20 Tolga (6th), 33 Formidable Lady (5th), Gagoosh, Ilana Grove, 9 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2½l, 1¼l, 2½l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. TOTE: Win: £5.00. Places: £1.50, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £16.90. CSF: £29.49. 1min 42.20sec.

2.30 NONO SAGARO STAKES (Group III: £15,171: 2m)

LONGBOAT bc by Welsh Pageant–Pirogue (R Hollingsworth) 4-8-8 ..W Carson (10-1) 1
Gildoran bh by Rheingold–Dunlaight (Sangster) 5-9-3 ..... B Thomson (7-1) 2
Spicy Story bc by Blushing Groom–Javamine (P Mellon) 4-8-8 ..... Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6 Le Bassa Beaga 5-10-12 ..... J McLaughlin, Miss Black Flame 5-10-12 ..... C Grey, 10 Sp- Saddam 5-11-7 ..... W Worthington 7, 11 Solar Light 5-10-12 ..

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AGENDA

1. Report on the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the audited accounts and Group accounts for 1984.
3. Adoption of the profit and loss account and balance sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Approval of proposed distribution of profit for the past year and of the proposed dividend.
5. Election to the Board of Directors.
6. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

From the 22nd May 1985 the Agenda and the complete proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, together with the Company and the Group Accounts, and the Auditors' report, will be open to the inspection of shareholders at the Company's offices. They will also be sent to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders.

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DATED the 23rd day of April 1985
G. LINDSAY
Director

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K.J Harris
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BARNETT – On April 22, 1985 at The Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Nina and Jonathan, a son, James Alexander.

CARR. – On April 29th, at St Thomas's, to Cmdr (Wake-Walker) and Fred a daughter (Polly Catherine Ajrey).

CHALONER. – On April 27th in Khartoum to John and Elaine – a second daughter (Kathryn Nadia).

COMYN – On Friday, April 26th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jane (nee Drinkwater) and Tim, a daughter.

GRUMBAR. – On 30th April 1985 at The Linda Wing, St Mary's Paddington, to Clare (nee Woodburn, Bamber) and John, a son (George Julian), brother to Hilary and Sophie.

HILL – On April 26th at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Felita and John, a son, Jeremy Morrison, a brother for Jonathan.

HORSEY. – On April 15th, to Theresa (nee Weston) and John – a daughter (Natasha), a sister for Jonathan, Guy, Mark, Thomas, Charlotte and Oliver.

NEWMAN – On April 28th 1985 to Jane (nee Davies) and David, a son, Matthew John.

SELIGMAN – On April 27 to Louise (nee de Zulueta) and Mark, a daughter, Lucinda Marie Joanne, a sister for Jacob.

SHEPPARD. On April 20th, at St Teresa's Hospital, to Vanessa (nee Parker) and Richard, a daughter Annabelle.

SMITH - BINGHAM – On April 30th to Fiona and Kim, a daughter (Marina Rose).

STARK. – On 29th April to Christine and David a son, Peter George.

STERCK – On April 27th, 1985, to Anne and Julian – a son.

WILES. On April 28th at Pembury Hospital to Christine (nee Lofford) and Richard – a daughter (Jemima Clare).

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY 50th TONY With love from all the Suttons.

LOUISE ALEXANDER. Happy 21st birthday Mum. Dad. Jane Duncan James.

DEATHS

AITKEN – On Tuesday April 30, peacefully at home, Mark, beloved husband of Vi and much loved father and grandfather. Family funeral at Micklenam on Tuesday, May 7. Flowers may be sent to Micklenam Church. Memorial service to be announced later.

ASHLIN, MICHAEL. – On 27th April, Funeral at St Mary's Church, Holly Hill, Hampstead, on Tuesday 7th May at 10am.

BAILY – On April 29th 1985. Adored son of Jan and Sarah and greatly loved and very much admired. Brother of Tanya, Peter and Polly. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Eversley on Wednesday, May 8th 1985, at 12 noon.

BRUCE – On April 27 1985 at his home, John Fell, Charles Richard (Dick) of Moynes Park, Birdbrook, Essex, husband of Josephine Funeral service at Birdbrook Parish Church on Friday, May 3 at 11am.

BUSSELL – On Sunday April 28, at home, Joan Mary, aged 74, of Northwoods and formerly of Otters, St Mary and Fenton, wife of Greader and mother of Judi, Alan, Hilary and Nate. Service, followed by cremation, at 2.30pm on Tuesday May 7 at Shrewsbury. No flowers please, but donations is desired to Macmillan Home Care Team, Bagley, 1a W D & R Pugh & Son, London Coleham, Shrewsbury Tel 4646

CAIGER. – On April 25th, Charles Frederick, aged 69. Cremation at Eltham Crematorium Falconwood at 4pm. Thursday, May 9th. No flowers please. Donations to Arthritic Association, London.

CAMERON – Doctor James Kennedy TH, F.R.C.P. Late of Ruthin, Clwyd, at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man on April 30th, sadly missed by Jane & Tony & sisters, Helen & Phyllis. Cremation at Douglas Borough Crematorium on Tuesday May 3rd at 2.30pm. Floral tributes to Dinner Cooper Arbory Street, Castletown.

COUNTESS OF LEICESTER – On April 30, Elizabeth Countess of Leicester DCVO, beloved mother of Anne, Carey, and Sarah Fraser, strictly private. No flowers please, but donations to the Friends of Wells Cottage Hospital, Norfolk. A service of thanksgiving to be announced later.

CRUTTWELL suddenly at his home in Beckington, on 28th April, Stephen Hebert, youngest son of the late George and Ila Cruttwell of Frome. A much loved uncle and brother-in-law. The funeral will take place at St Peter's Church, Beckington on Friday 3rd May at 2.30pm. Flowers to the Church please.

CONYERS LOUISE (nee Mace), in hospital in Exeter, April 29, 1985 after a long illness courageously borne. Greatly mourned by family and friends.

DAWKINS – On Tuesday April 30th in hospital, Charles Clinton, much loved husband of Marian, father of John, Sarah, Elizabeth and Christopher, and grandfather of Mary. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, May 9th at 12.30 pm. Flowers to C H Newman, 135 Preston Road, W10.

DOUGLAS-JONES. – Priscilla Scarlett, (Scylla) April 30th 1985 at home. Rhosneil Glyndyfrdwy, beloved sister of Audrey Sheppard and a loving and much loved aunt. Funeral service Friday 3rd May at 10 am at St Thomas's Church, Glyndyfrdwy, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Shelter, C O National Westminster Bank, Castle Street, Llangollen.

EDLOE – On Sunday, 28th April, 1985, suddenly at his home, Michael Jeremy aged 30, much loved younger son of Jim and Marguerite Dunlop and brother to Peter Crem Alan at Thanbridge Wells Crema torium on Thursday, 9th May, at 11am. Family flowers only.

EVANS. – On April 28, peacefully at home in his 89th year, Gerald Owen, beloved husband of Josephine for 62 years, and loved father of Mary and William. Sadly missed by members of the Evans and Cameron families. Funeral at Hastings Crematorium, 3pm, Thursday, May 2

ELLACOTT – On April 29th peacefully at home, 119 Narbonne Av enue, London SW4, Barbara Mulanney (nee Williams age 77 years, beloved wife of Albert Hollandby. Requiem service at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Avenue, SW4 on Wednesday, May 8th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Bishops Nympton Family flowers only, but donations if desired for the Church of the Holy Spirit may be sent to The Parish Priest at 16 Clem Road, SW4 9QX.

FOULDER – On 29th April at Bedford, Leslie Ewart St Clair, beloved mother of Pamela & John & sister of Joan & Winnifred.

JONES. – Stanley O, journalist, on April 30 Father of Nia, Christopher, Lowri, Simon and Peter. He fought many adversities, with much courage – Mary. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research Memorial service St James, Norland W11, Thursday, May 9, 12 pm.

KERSHAW – On Tuesday, April 30th, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, peacefully, after a courageous fight against cancer, Penelope Jane, beloved wife of David and darling mother of Andrew and Jenny and adored daughter of Harry and Kathleen Harvey. Funeral at Whyteleafe Green Parish Church on Tuesday, May 7th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to W. Ryder and Sons, Tilliston, Prinorth.

LEWIS – On April 23 at the Maddeson Hospital, London, W1, Gwynneth Evelyn, May (nee Dewhurst) of 46 Green Street, London, W1, widow of Richard Boys Lewis. Cremation at 10.30am on Friday, May 10th at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11.

LIGHT. – On 26th April in Paris peacefully after long illness, Pamela Margaret (nee Taggart) beloved wife of Anthony (Head), adored mother of Tony and Monique and a much loved grandmother.

MACGIFFIN, MOYA. – 28 April, 1985, after a long illness bravely borne. Deeply regretted by her husband, Harry, 14 Saltcote Road, Hillsborough, children, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

MAASE, THOMAS FARMER. – On April 17th at his home in Norfolk. Cremation has taken place.

OSBORN. – On April 29th, 1985 at St Michael Sobell House, Oxford, Margaret Osborn, M.A. Oxon. High Mistress (retired) of St Paul's School for Girls, London. Funeral private. Donations please to Friends of Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LJ.

PICKERING. On 27th April 1985 at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, Reginald Joseph Commander R.N. Rtd. aged 79 years of 38 Avenue Road, Kings Lynn.

ROSENTEIN-RODAN. – On 28th April at his home in Boston, Paul, beloved husband of Margaret, father of Gary.

ROSS – On April 27, very suddenly, Gordon, much loved and loving husband of Bobbie, father of Murray, father-in-law of Nora and grandfather of James and Andrew. Family cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End, Wednesday, May 8 at 2.20 pm. Flowers to Frazers Chappell and Sons, 103a Church Road, SE19 by 1 pm. A memorial service will be held later.

DEATHS

ROSS-GARDNER – On April 30th, 1985, peacefully at home, Church Farm, Hopton Pagnell, near Doncaster, Yorkshire, Douglas Ross Gardner, O.B.E., much loved husband of Betty, wonderful father to Johnny, Michele and Lucia, proud grandfather to Justin and Zoe and dear brother of Dorothy and Bernie. Funeral service All Saints, Hooton Pagnell on Tuesday, May 7th at 12.45 pm. Further enquiries to E. V. Fox and Sons, Funeral Directors. Telephone 0977 42353.

SALES, HAZEL MAY, beloved Nanny to many children, peacefully on April 30, just after midnight following a fall that morning. Requiem mass at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, Chelsea at 2.30pm on Wednesday, May 8, followed by cremation at Kensal Green.

SMITH, JOHN WILLIAM, PhD, DSc, CChem, FRSC, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, University of London, died peacefully at home on 27th April, 1985, aged 82. Beloved husband of Catherine and brother of Leslie. Funeral service at South London Crematorium, Streatham, at 2.30pm on Friday, 3rd May, 1985.

TAYLOR. – On 30th April 1985 at home in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, Basil Taylor, D.S., R.C.S., aged 57 years, dearly loved husband of Jane and dear father of Tim and James. Funeral Tuesday, 7th May, service 2.15pm at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby. Flowers may be sent to G Walsall & Son Ltd, 101, Macklin Street, Derby.

TRUDING – On Friday, 26th April 1985, suddenly at home, Lona Truding. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, Thursday 2nd May at 1.20pm. Flowers may be sent to Messrs R. P. Sherry, 25 Bell Street, Lisson Grove, London, NW1, not later than 10.30am, on Thursday, 2nd May.

WHITE. – On May 1 at her home in Canterbury, Vivian Maude Vesey, beloved wife of Sydney Coe-Gunnell and mother of Vaughan.

WYLDE – On April 30, peacefully at Churchwood, Pulborough, West Sussex, Nancy, dearest wife of the late John Wylde, and much loved mother of Richard. Funeral at St Mary's, Flitterworth on Saturday, May 4 at 11am Family flowers only.

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9.20 **Ceefax pages.**
10.30 **Play School.**
10.50 **Ceefax pages.**
12.30 **News after Noon.** 12.57 **Regional News** (London and South-east: financial report and news headlines with subtitles.)
1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Princess Anne meets youngsters in the final of the 1985 Youth Caring Awards. Finalists are from Bishopbriggs, Gateshead, Kilmarnock, Liverpool, Hampshire and York.
1.45 **Trumpton** (r).
2.00 **Ceefax pages.**
3.53 **Regional news** (except London).
3.55 **Mopp and Smiff** with the voices of Prunella Scales and Timothy West. 4.10 **Ivor the Engine.** The Seaside (r). 4.15 **Jigsaw.** Noughts and crosses (r). 4.30 **Bananaman.** The Mummy's Curse (r). 4.35 **Dogtanian and Three Muskehounds.** Cartoons.
4.55 **John Craven's Newsround.**
5.05 **Blue Peter.** Preview of the 24th Historical Commercial Vehicle Society's annual London to Brighton run. Michael tries out a 1912 Rover delivery van, restored to its original livery (Ceefax).
5.35 **Dr Kildare.** Final part of the Felix Homan case brings sadness and hope, but release for Dr Kildare (r).
6.00 **The Six O'Clock News** followed by Weather; News.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **EastEnders.** Arthur takes police advice and goes to the Citizen's Advice Bureau about his missing son Mark. Lofty babysits for Mary while she takes an evening job, but why, Ali and Sue wonder, does he need to stay overnight? Sharon sets out to blackmail her mother Angie. (Ceefax).
7.30 **Tomorrow's World** includes a lipstick that keeps its colour a mystery until it is on the lips.
7.55 **Top of the Pops** presented by Mike Smith and Richard Skinner, with hits from the top 40 and videos from the top 10.
8.30 **The Lenny Henry Show.** Japanese joke products on sale at Tenko's. Barry Abnormal focuses on the new films, while Josh Yarlog's camera fails to focus on anything. With Helen Atkinson-Wood, Ed Bishop and Robbie Coltrane (r).
9.00 **The Nine O'Clock News** and weather news.
9.25 **Crimewatch UK.** Can you help the police and solve a crime? In February two children died in a house blaze in Hastings that police believe was started deliberately. The tragedy in St Helen's Road is reconstructed to help trace some key witnesses. Also, what happened to two women who vanished from their village in North Wales and who stole rings valued at £300,000 from the singer Karen Young? If you can help, the number to ring is 01-811 8055.
10.05 **Question Time.** Sue Lawley's guests are: Patrick Jenkin MP, Margaret Clay, Michael Montague and Lord Barnett; from The Greenwood Theatre, London.
11.05 **Crimewatch Update.** Developments and reminders from the Crimewatch team, Nick Ross and Sue Cook.
11.15 **The Learning Machine.** Tim O'Shea's view of computers in education. "Why is educational software so lousy?" 11.40 to 11.45 Weather.

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6.15 **Good Morning Britain** with Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.22. Consumer spot, 7.15. Charles Golding's Pick of the new films, 8.40. Baby Talk, 9.05. 100 Years of Royal Fashion focuses on Princess Margaret, The Queen and The Queen Mother.

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9.25 **Thames News headlines.**
9.30 **For Schools,** Middle English. 9.48 Junior Maths. 10.05 Seeing and Doing (r). 10.23 Gather Round (r). 10.43 Living and Growing (r). 11.02 Let's Go Maths (r). 11.14 Alive and Kicking (r). 11.34 Animals in Action.
11.55 **Rub a Dub Dub.** Old King Cole. **12.00 Fextales.** Preview of *Children's ITV.* 12.10 **Mooncat & Co.** Forgetting (r).
12.30 **The Sullivans.** Bankruptcy shock for Jim.
1.00 **News at One.**
1.20 **Thames News.**
1.30 **Falcon Crest.** Greg Reardon tells Angela that Francesca's sale to Richard cannot be revoked.
2.25 **Home Cookery Club.** Pasta Special.
2.30 **Play It Again.** First in a new series in which Tony Bilbow's guests discuss their favourite films. Today, writer, broadcaster and raconteur Arthur Marshall.
3.00 **Gems.** Paul has a visitor.
3.25 **Thames News headlines.**
3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** Australian drama.
4.00 **Children's ITV** presented by Supergran: **Foxtales.** The Dead Wolf.
4.15 **Batfink.** The crime-busting bat takes on a mad scientist.
4.20 **Wonders in Letterland.** Learning the alphabet in the polar regions.
4.40 **First Post** with Adam Sunderland. 5.00 **Dangermouse.** The Clock Strikes Back!
5.15 **Thames Sport** includes an interview with Dennis Taylor.
5.45 **News.**
6.00 **Thames News.**
6.25 **Help!** Facial disfigurement.
6.35 **Crossroads.** More problems for Paul Ross and Kath Brownlow.
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** News of Karen Moore.
7.30 **Knight Rider.** More action with the road warrior Michael Knight (David Hasselhoff) and KITT, his computerized wonder car.
8.30 **Minder.** The Old School Tie. A former class mate of Terry's escapes from the nick after being framed for a diamond robbery. Arthur (George Cole) seems determined to change his usual stance on law and order (r).
9.30 **TV Eye. The Honeyford Affair.** A report on the Bradford headmaster, Ray Honeyford, suspended after Pakistani parents at his school accused him of racialism.
10.00 **News at Ten** followed by Thames News headlines.
10.38 **Shelley.** Divorce is proceeding for the itinerant layabout played by Hywell Bennett. A telephone call exacerbates still further Shelley's demeanour (r).
11.00 **Parents and Teenagers.** Real case histories interwoven with sections dramatized by actors. Written by Steve Watton.
11.30 **Edgar Wallace Presents: The Man Who Was Nobody".** Hazel Court is the resourceful detective in a 1960 thriller in which nothing can be taken at face value as two people search for a wild young man about town. Paul Eddington supplies a young, but familiar face. Directed by Montgomery Tully.
12.35 **Night Thoughts** with the Rev Dr John Newton followed by Closedown.



Chaplin statue: Laughter in Gabrovo: Forty Minutes, on BBC 2, 9.30pm

● **LAUGHTER IN GABROVO** (BBC2, 9.30pm) is Robyn Walls's *Forty Minutes* documentary about a festival of fun that is only marginally funnier than a toothache. If you want positive proof that jokes don't travel, then here it is, in this Bulgarian town tucked away in the Balkan foothills, where there is a House of Humour and Satire and where, every other year, there is a festival where joke-mongers and cartoonists vie for a Golden Aesop, an award which, despite its name, is somewhat less fabulous than the Oscar. Gabrovo has declared itself the world HQ of hilarity. It is a declaration few others would make on its behalf, although it must be admitted that there is something droll in the fact that the statue of Racho, the blacksmith who forged the town, has been put into the local river so as to save space in the town. No such fate was reserved for Chaplin. His statue (see my photograph) is imposingly sited, though what Sir Charlie would have thought of being immortalized as a split personality – the effigy is subdivided into four sections, almost as if it had been struck by lightning – can only be guessed at.

Among the festival visitors is Terence Parkes, "Larry" of *Punch*. He enjoys himself so much that he can't wait to catch the first plane home. His sour asides defy the official warning in the local press to the effect that humour is not to be made fun of. But he is, at least, spared the effusions of a master anecdotalist called Produnov, whose favourite joke concerns a family with five sons but only one pair of shoes. It ends with the side-splitting punchline that it is the son who gets up first in the morning who gets the shoes. I don't think I need labour the point that Gabrovo is indisputably the world's funnybone. But, to put the matter beyond all doubt, I must tell you that there is another hilarious Gabrovian joke about cats having their tails chopped off so that when they are let in on a cold winter's day, the door need not be held open too long as it admits both cat and cold.

● Radio highlights: **The Magic Flute,** under Sir Colin Davis's baton, and with a cast headed by Peter Schreier, Margaret Price and Mikael Melbye (Radio 3, 2.00pm). Also, there is a *File on Four* special. Let there be no more war (Radio 4, 7.40pm) which attempts to get behind Soviet eyes to see what the West looks like from there. Finally, if you want to know how Brighton and its festival of clowns compares with Gabrovo and its festival of solemn funsters, all you need do is tune in to **Woman's Hour** (Radio 4, 2.00pm).

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University,** Maths: Area Games. 6.55 Science: Elements Discovered. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.
9.38 **Daytime on Two,** Appuntamento in Italia (r). 9.55 Tout Compris (r). 10.12 Science Workshop. 10.34 Scene. Baby I Love You (r). *11.05 Near and Far. Living in the Alps (r). 11.25 Ceefax pages. 11.55 Mindstretchers. 12.30 Ceefax. 1.25 Mindstretchers. 2.00 You and Me with Roy Hudd. 2.15 Music Time. Anansi and the Sky God (r). 2.35 Ceefax pages.
5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles and weather.
5.30 **Lifegames.** The Powers That Be. Steve Blacknell on how to get the better of bureaucracy.
6.00 **The Invaders.** David Vincent and his group take an alien hostage, but have to take refuge in the home of an elderly poet.
6.50 **Phil Silvers*** as Sergeant Bilko. Bilko, alarmed at the amorous look in Sergeant Joan Hogan's eyes, determines to put her off marriage by showing her the Sowicle at home (r).
7.15 **Cartoon Two.** Seaside Woman, a story of a sleepy Caribbean fishing village illustrating a song by Linda McCartney and Wings, which won the Palme D'Or at the Cannes film festival.
7.20 **Recovery.** Brian Redhead presents a new series about companies recovering from recession.
7.45 **How We Look.** Colin Thompson examines how artists have treated the human face and the ideal of beauty. Thompson, former director of the National Galleries of Scotland, uses examples from Rembrandt, Gericault, Bellini, Mantegna, Durer and Hogarth.
8.30 **Topol's Israel** through the biblical landscapes of Masada, the Dead Sea, Sodom and Solomon's Pillars to the Red Sea resort of Eilat.
9.00 **Leaving.** New Carla Lane series with Keith Barron and Susan Hampshire starring as the divorced couple who have undergone the traumas of separation and dividing up the home. Now Martha and Daniel must start again. (Ceefax).
9.30 **Forty Minutes. Laughter in Gabrovo.** Bulgaria, one of Russia's most hardline satellites, hosts a biannial festival of humour and satire. "Larry" from Punch was one of the judges seeing if humour could transcend national and political boundaries. (See Choice.)
10.05 **Nat Gonella – That Rhythm Man!** Hot choruses from Nat accompanied by the Digby Fairweather Sextet.
10.40 **Newsnight.** 11.25 Weatherview. 11.30 Weekend Outlook with the Open University.
11.35 **Open University,** Machine Tools: Control. 12.00 Accounting for Managers (1). Ends 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.00 **Their Lordships' House.** Repeat of last night's coverage of the Government's Bill to abolish the GLC and Metropolitan counties.
2.15 **Channel Four Racing** from Newmarket. 2.30 Hastings Maiden Stakes (1m); 3.00 Heathorn Stakes (1m 2f); 3.40 General Accident 1000 Guineas Stakes (1m); 4.15 Bretby H'cap (6f).
4.30 **Isaura the Slave Girl.** Brazilian drama based on the romance by Bernardo Guimaraes, followed by **Fantastico.**
5.25 **Dangerously They Live."** Patriotic Warner Brothers wartime melodrama with Nazis under the beds, in the gardens and up the drainpipes. Nancy Coleman is the secretary who memorizes details of Allied shipping convoys only to lose her memory after a road crash and get kidnapped by German agents. Raymond Massey is the psychiatrist who doubles as the spy master. Builds up to a spectacular submarine climax. Directed in 1941 by Robert Florey.
6.50 **Christopher Crumpet** cartoons.
7.00 **Channel Four News.**
7.50 Comment by the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore.
8.00 **Mirror Image – Tom Robinson.** Ten numbers from Tom Robinson's first concert in three years, filmed at the Dominion Theatre last year. The stage set is a garage forecourt; supposedly two miles from Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands, a surreal and political setting for his protest songs.
9.00 **Pookiesnackenburger in Pop Go the Asteroids.** A strange alien intelligence is jamming the earth's communications and broadcasting bizarre extra-terrestrial pop videos. Psychotic, anarchic war of the airwaves develops.
9.30 **Made in Britain.** Last of four repeated plays by David Leland, which provoked much controversy and critical acclaim when screened on ITV in 1983. Trevor (Tim Roth) is 16 aggressive and unemployed with a string of court convictions. The skinhead's defiance of society is symbolized by the swastika tatooed on his forehead. Photographed by Chris Menges, who won an BAFTA award for *The Killing Fields* (r).
10.55 **Design Matters.** Cookers or lookers? Cookers have changed very little over the past 60 years, but their design has changed radically (r).
11.25 **Are You Taking The Tablets?** Monty Python star Graham Chapman defends their film *The Life of Brian* against the charge that it is blasphemous.
11.55 **Their Lordships' House.** More debate from the committee stage of the Government's Bill to abolish the GLC and Metropolitan authorities. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. Roger Cook investigates listeners' complaints about raw deals.
9.30 The Living World. Gorillas, kittens, leopards and a round-up of wildlife news.
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Saturday Afternoons' by Jean Stoddart. Reader: Stephanie Turner.
10.45 An Act of Worship.†
11.00 News; Travel; Race to Power. Will the next general election see the first black MP at Westminster since the 1920s? (r).
11.48 A Dorset Childhood. Hilary Townsend recalls rural life in the 1930s and 1940s (3).
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Pattie Coldwell. 12.27 After Henry. Comedy series about three generations of women, starring Prunella Scales (r). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes Jenny Gilbert's report on clowns, clowning and the Commedia dell'Arte, which provides the theme at this year's Brighton Festival. Also, part two of Real Life with Small Children Underfoot, by Alan Franks.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Hardy Perennials, by James Robson. With a cast headed by Kathleen Helme, Mary Wimbush and Geoffrey Banks. Comedy about a revolt over an old folks' mystery tour.†
4.00 News; Enquire Within. Neil Landor answers listeners' questions.
4.10 Bookshelf. Hunter Davies presents the good books programme.
4.40 Story Time: Schoolgirls' Own. 'The Chalet School Middles are Avenged' – a ripping tale by Elinor Brent-Dyer. The reader is Rosalind Shanks.
5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1985. First round: West (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? John Timpson with listeners' letters.
7.40 Let There Be No More War. An appraisal of what Russians think of the West, with Gordon Clough in Russia taking to ordinary people and Prof. John Erickson assessing Russian hopes for détente.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine of special interest to disabled listeners.
9.30 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Chichester production of Cavalcade, and the new film, Parker.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Voices in an Empty Room' by Francis King (4). Read by Alex Marshall. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, incl. 11.00 Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools. 9.25 Secondary English. 9.50 First Steps in Drama. 10.10 Playtime. 10.25 Talk to a Sports Star. 11.00-10.45 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard. 11.05 In The News. 11.30 Wavelength. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: Listening Corner. 2.05 The Music Box. 2.20 Living Language. 2.40 Health Education. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study On 4: Groundswell. 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Propaganda and the Civil War. 11.50 Music interlude.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Morley's Now is the month of Maying (King's Singers/Consort of Musicke); Brahms's Horn Trio in E flat Op 40 (Vasary/Brandis/Hauptmann); Debussy's symphonic suite Printemps, orch by Busser (Orchestre de Paris/Barenboim).† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Shostakovich's overture Armer Columbus (Leningrad PO/Rozhdestvensky); Mendelssohn's overture Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage (LPO/Haitink); Fauré's Las Berceaux Op 23 No 1 (Palmer, soprano); Schubert's Wanderer Fantasia for piano and orchestra, arranged by Liszt (Beroff, with Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra/Masur); Bliss's film suite Christopher Columbus (City of Birmingham SO/Dods).† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Samuel Barber. Raphael Wallfisch plays the Cello Concerto Op 22, with the English Chamber Orchestra/Simon; Van Cliburn plays the piano Sonata Op 26.†
10.00 Sea Pictures: LSO/Previn play Britten's sea interludes and Passacaglia (from Peter Grimes); and Chicago SO/Solti play Debussy's La mer.†
10.50 Ravel: Enid Katahn (piano). Miroirs: Night moths; Sad birds, A boat on the ocean; and other Ravel works.†
11.20 BBC Welsh SO (under Kasprzyk). With Kun Woo Paik (piano). Part one. Mahler's Adagio from Symphony No 10 in F sharp.†
11.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (r).
12.05 Concert: part two. Mozart's Piano Concerto No 12; and Kodaly's suite Hary Janos.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Delmé String Quartet play Haydn's String Quartet in B flat Op 71 No 1; and Tchaikovsky's String Quartet in D Op 11.†
2.00 **The Magic Flute:** Mozart's two-act opera. Sung in German. Peter Schreier heads the cast as Tamino. Sir Colin Davis conducts the Dresden State Orchestra. Cast also includes Luciana Serra, Hanna Schwarz, Marie McLaughlin and Ann Murray; Margaret Price; Kurt Moll and Robert Tear.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: David Houlf's selection of music.†
6.30 Bandstand: Ever-Ready Band play Eric Ball's Resurgam; and Gilbert Vintner's Symphony of Marches.†
7.00 Music USA: The First Secular Compositions. Song recital by Penelope Price-Jones (soprano) with Phillip Martin as accompanist and Brian Fairman as narrator. Works by Francis Hopkinson, Alexander Reinagle and Benjamin Carr.†
8.00 BBC SO (under Pritchard). With Rodney Friend (violin) Part one. Mozart's Symphony No 33; Britten's Violin Concerto.†
8.50 The Last One: Hilda Schroder reads the short story by Grazia Deledda.
9.05 Concert: part two. Brahms's Symphony No 4.†
10.00 Music in Our Time: Northern Music Theatre (under Treacher).

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also stereo VHF. News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Howard Pearce.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young plus food information from Tony De Angeli.† 1.05 Sports Desk: David Jacobs † incl. 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford † incl. 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way † incl. 4.02 Sports Desk. Racing from Newmarket: 3.40 The General Accident 1,000 Guineas. 4.05 David Hamilton † incl. 5.05, 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn † incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 7.30 Cricket. 8.00 Wally Whyton (incl. Tammy Wynette).† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines (Roy Hudd with Chris Emmett and June Whitfield. 10.30 Star Sound Extra with Nick Jackson. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition (First Round). 3.45-4.00 am Phillip Challis at the piano.

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies incl. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00–12.00 Into the Music.† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00–4.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Those Swinging Years. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.08 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 British String Quartets. 10.30 Two Cheers For April. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 A Letter From England. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Land of a Thousand Dances. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 A Letter From England. 5.15 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Ralph McTell and Friends. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 The Poem that... 1.45 Book Choice. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 2.30 Sacred Symphonies. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile. 5.45 The World Today.

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WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. *Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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BBC 1 Wales

12.57pm–1.00pm News of Wales Headlines. 3.35–3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.35–5.55 Wales Today. 6.35–7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30–9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.40–11.45 News and weather.

Scotland

12.57pm–1.00 The Scottish News. 6.35–7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.40–11.45 News and weather.

Northern Ireland

12.57pm–1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53–3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.35–5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40–6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35–7.00 Dr Kildare. 11.40–11.45 News and weather.

England: 6.35–7.00

Regional news magazines.

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Starts 1.00pm Isaura the Slave Girl. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 215 Their Lordships's House. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket. 4.30 Interval. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Deri Deg. 5.05 Scwbi-Dw. 5.30 Bewitched. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dwylo Dros Y Môr. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 An Y Coleg. 8.10 Awyr Iach. 8.10 Llyaged Y Geiniog. 8.45 End of Empire. 10.45 Sand on 4. 11.45 Hitchcock Presents. 12.15am Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35–2.30 Love Boat. 3.30–4.00 Survival. 5.15–5.45 Connections. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Report. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Crann Tara. 12.10am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRANADA As London except: 11.55 am–12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20 pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00–2.30 Mr Smith. 3.30–4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15–5.45 Beverley Hillbillies. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30–7.00 Granada Reports. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Granada Reports Local Election Special. 12.15 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30–2.30 Champions. 5.15–5.45 Connections. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30–11.00 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 Wild Heritage. 12.30 am News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.30 Country Practice. 5.15–5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 News. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 You're the Boss. 11.05 HTV Election Special Preview. 11.10 Parents and Teenagers. 11.40 Election Special. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm–6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30 Wales this week. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40–1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30–2.30 Irish RM. 5.15–5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25–7.00 News. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Venture Designer Awards: Final. 11.15 Parents and Teenagers. 11.45 Elections '85. 12.15am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 QED. 3.30–4.00 Orphans of the Wild. 5.15–5.45 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30–11.00 Countarpoint. 11.30 Festival Folk. 11.55 News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cooking. 1.35–2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30–4.00 Palour Game. 5.15–5.45 Connections. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30–11.00 Putting on the South. 11.30 Election Special. 12.15am Company. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.30 Champions. 3.30–4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15–5.45 Whose Baby. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30–11.00 Studio One. 11.30 Benson. 12.00 News. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30 pm–1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30–2.30 Love Boat. 5.15–5.45 Survival. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Calendar Local Election Special. 12.–05 am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30–2.30 Hotel. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20–5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30–7.00 Gardens For All. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25 am Postscript. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30–2.30 Irish RM. 5.15–5.45 Dreams. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25–7.00 Northern Life. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 10.32 Parents and Teenagers. 11.00 Yellow Rose. 11.55 God In Good Season, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm–1.30 News. 5.15–5.45 Connections. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00–7.30 Anything Goes. 10.30–11.00 Country Living. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.30am Thursday Topic. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.30 Hotel. 5.15–5.45 Beverly Hillbillies". 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55–7.00 Jan & Steve. 7.30–8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Closedown.

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Batons end Solidarity's May Day challenge

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and sang "Solidarity" as he passed the inspection platform. This year he was stopped by police a mile from the main parade and escorted home.

"We have no intention of getting into fights," said the Nobel peace laureate. "In spite of the clearly peaceful character of it, we were prevented by force from reaching the routes of this year's parade of the working people."

Several hundred Solidarity sympathizers, who did manage to push their way into the procession and sat down, were dragged away by riot police swinging batons.

In Warsaw, protests began after a service at the church of Saint Stanislaw Kostka, the burial place of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, who was murdered six months ago by the secret police.

The police, with several water cannon and battalions of armoured riot police watched impassively as the protesters made their way towards the Warsaw steel works.

Soon it became clear that they were reluctant to intervene on the workers' holiday, but within a mile of the steelworks the protesters were stopped by a police cordon

Girls clambered on to the shoulders of the organizers and motioned with their arms. Protesters sat in the middle of the street and refused to move, some ostentatiously opening newspapers or books. Mr Kuron, who lives near the Stanislaw Kostka church, and Mr Jaworski, who has close connections with the steelworks, then tried to strike a deal with the militia. The demonstration could end peacefully, they explained to a police major, if the crowd could be allowed to return to the Popieluszko church.

"We have been reasonable enough," replied the major. "We let you march". The two dissidents were led away.

Eventually the crowd drifted away. The sitters stood up, and shouting "Goodbye until the third of May", headed for home.

May 3, Constitution Day, is also a focus of Solidarity protests and police are not usually as tolerant as they were yesterday.

May Day in Moscow, page 8

Oxford frolics blossom on May Day



In style: Revellers posing for photographs on the Radcliffe Camera.



May blooms: Sarah and Victoria Bartlett, aged five and seven.



Raffish: Party-goers linking arms as May dawns (Photographs: Clive Postlethwaite).

The dawning of May was celebrated in traditional style in Oxford yesterday as thousands of undergraduates gathered at Magdalen Bridge for the May morning hymn from choristers before resuming their revelries of the night before (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

May morning at Oxford is a distinctively English salutation to spring, with fire-eaters, conjurors, sideshows, troupes of Morris men and a liberal lacing of champagne.

It is thought to be almost as old as Magdalen College Tower, built in early Tudor times, from which choristers sing the Latin hymn, *Te Deum Patrem Colimus*, heard in silence by the crowds on the bridge below.

Behind it all, probably, lies an ancient springtime ceremony, perhaps a salute to Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers.

Yesterday, however, as party-goers posed for photographs half-way up the Radcliffe Camera or linked arms to prevent themselves falling over, it was left to two sisters, Sarah and victoria Bartlett, aged five and seven. To commemorate this particular version of the myth.

Letter from Rome

Royal momentum exceeds Mass

The final impression the Prince and Princess of Wales had of Rome was a musical evening on Monday at the British Embassy: the evening might have been planned to bring back the Italian connection to the centre of the stage after the cancellation of the private mass with the Pope had threatened to dominate the visit to the city.

Lord Bridges, the British Ambassador, cannot have foreseen the circumstances of the final evening with his guests, but his choice of music, in particular of Benjamin Britten's setting of seven sonnets by Michelangelo, turned out to be an ideal reflection of the potent British-Italian mixture the journey has produced.

The journey has not finished. After a brief visit to eastern Sicily, the couple are spending today in Apulia before making a short stay in Venice as the culminating experience of their tour.

they were certain of success in Italy, but not on the emotional scale that has occurred. Curiosity has been greater for the Princess, especially from women, summed up by the first cries by the crowds on their arrival in Sardinia on April 19 of "You are beautiful".

That is easy to explain. There are strains of romanticism and of practical sense in Italians which converge happily on the person of the Princess. I asked a girl in the crowds waiting to see them in Rome why women were so taken with the Princess. "Because", she replied without hesitation, "she is young, beautiful and lucky".

The emphasis was on the last word, but the idea was of an unbeatable combination. She had found her Prince and set herself up for life as well as could possibly be imagined, in romantic or practical terms.

The Prince was intent on pleasing his hosts and succeeded thoroughly, with a mixture of openness and of enthusiasm for what he saw which the Italians judged exactly right. The only suggestion of a complaint came from Senator Giovanni Spadolini, the Minister of Defence who happens also to be a notable man of letters. He was their host aboard units of the Italian Navy at La Spezia, an area still alive with the memory of British romantic poets, but the Prince, he said, was more interested in ships' motors than in Byron.

That was appropriate, too, on the Prince's part. He was instinctively aware that he was looking at a modern country at a vital moment in its development as well as a nation that has inspired so many artists.

He was also interested in asking details from Signora Nilde Jotti, the Communist presiding officer of the Chamber of Deputies, of the 1947 referendum by which Italy ceased to be a monarchy and became a republic. They happened to be in Italy when the fortieth anniversary of the liberation from fascism and of the death of Mussolini was being celebrated.

The failure of the Italian monarchy was a shock to many Italians. The symbol of a monarchy, and its usefulness, is still valued; the Prince and the Princess have shown that symbol at its best.

But on the Italian side there is now a greater confidence in the idea of republic.

The slow return to confidence in the human side of Italian abilities is solidly based. Italian Catholicism produced the great Pope John XXIII, who did everything, including calling the second Vatican Council, that most people thought only a non-Italian Pope could do. The Italian armed forces after the war were ridiculed by the Italians themselves, but are more highly regarded since they proved to be the best of the peace-keepers in Lebanon.

And so with admiration for an effective monarchy, with certainly some bitter comments about the inadequacies of the Italian royal house both as rulers and as exiles, there went the feeling, as deeply felt by Communists as by others, that Italy could happily cheer a future monarch because the Italians themselves had managed without one.

The future now looks more important, and the historic emotional pull between Britain and Italy has been fully re-established. That, in political terms, is useful, given the personal coolness between the two prime ministers.

Peter Nichols

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh presents the 1985 Design Council awards and The Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's prize at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, 11.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Central Flying School, RAF Scampton, 11.45.

Princess Anne visits the Pebble Mill Studios, Birmingham and presents the Dettol Youth Caring awards on *Pebble Mill at One*, 12.

Princess Margaret, as President, th Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends the annual meeting at the Mitchell Theatre, Glasgow, 12.55; and later she attends a reception for the staff of the society, Moir Hall, Glasgow, 2.15.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, Northumberland Association of Boys' Clubs, visits Boys' Clubs in Northumberland, arrives Blyth, 11.50; later he attends the Golden Jubilee dinner, Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle, 7.30.

The Duke of Kent visits Rank Zerox Mitcheldean Enterprise Workshops, Glos, 11.15; and later visits Benson International Systems, Glos, 2.40.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent dine with the Australian High Commissioner; 45 Hyde Park Gate, 8.

Princess Alexandra visits Lucas Aerospace at Hemel Hempstead, 2.30; and later attends a reception given by the Courtauld Institute of Fine Art Fund, Somerset House, 7.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President, the Institute of the Motor Industry, visits Aston Martin, Tickford, 10.30.

New exhibitions

Paintings by Robert Jenkins: The Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd St, Manchester: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4 (ends May 24).

Not Just Chairs: work by Parnham students; Coombe Street Gallery, Lyme Regis: Mon to Sun 10.30 to 6 (ends May 31).

Exhibitions in progress

Drawing towards sculpture: Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, Middlesborough: Tues to Sat 12 to 7 (ends May 14).

New paintings by Stanislaw Frenkiel, Alfred Harris and Bert Isaac: Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Rd, Bristol: Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30 (ends May 11).

Paintings by Wendy Raphael: The Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyds St, Manchester: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4 (ends May 10).

Art for Africa: work by Scottish artists: City Art Centre, 2 Market St, Edinburgh: Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends May 11).

Work by Harry Thubron: St Paul's Gallery, Stowe House, 5 Bishopsgate St, Leeds: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 12 (ends May 18).

Recent work by the Cotswold branch of the Embroiderers Guild: Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum, Clarence St: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends May 18).

Music

Concert by the Stevenage Male Voice Choir: Ashwell Church, Ashwell, nr Baldock, 8.

Concert by the Herschel Ensemble: University Hall, Bath, 7.30.

Jazz concert by Lol Coxhill (soprano saxophone) with Stuart Goodall (piano): Kaz Modern Jazz Klub, Riverside, The Quay, Hazel Rd, Woolston, nr Southampton, 8.

Concert by the Greater Manchester Radio Chorale: Lancaster University, 7.30.

Concert by the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera: St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Cello recital by Steven Isserlis: Kettle's Yard, Castle St, Cambridge, 8.

Concert by the Whitchurch Festival Chorus and Orchestra: St Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch, Shropshire, 7.30.

Lectures

Notable trees, by Alan Mitchell: Rattray Lecture Theatre, Leicester University, 8.

Photography and the Written Word: The book as photographic medium, by Jan Jeffrey: Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir St, Cambridge, 7.30.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill remaining stages.

Lords (3): Local Government Bill, committee, third day. Representation of the People Bill, report.

Anniversaries

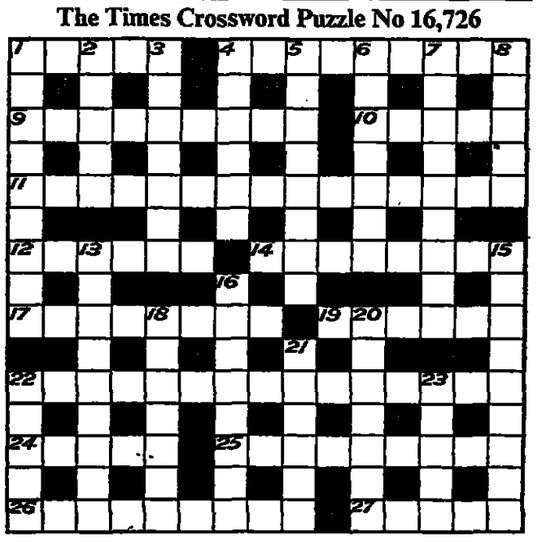
Births: Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Palermo, Italy, 1660; Jerome K. Jerome, novelist *Three Men in a Boat* and playwright, Walsall, 1859; Theodore Herzl, Zionist, Budapest, 1860.

Deaths: Leonardo da Vinci, Cloux, France, 1519; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Paris, 1864; Nancy, Viscountess Astor, first woman to sit in Parliament, Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, 1964.

ENIGMA

There are 4 different odd digits and 4 different even digits in the solution. All of the even digits precede all of the odd digits in the solution. The first odd digit in the solution is the highest odd digit.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,726



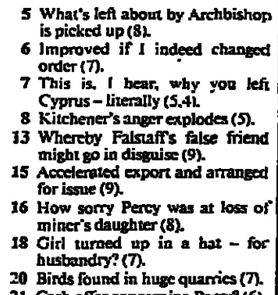
ACROSS

1 Marsh given name she wrote down under tree (5).
4 Rock guide is a worrier (9).
9 Rushes into US lines? (9).
10 Legendary figure committed to permanent revolution (5).
11 Whereby Russian Communism is implemented? (6,3,6).
12 Object to colleague's egoism for a start (6).
14 Narcotic source identified this Friday by old admiral (8).
17 Chuckers-out who empty the chamber (8).
19 Non-aligned character causes muddle (4-2).
22 Corporation in medieval period – and BC? (6-3,6).
24 Anne's rejected in purge (5).
25 This can be assembled to be an instrument (9).
26 Driven by firm legislator, the Spanish took first place (9).
27 Council for which college staff return about end of May (5).

DOWN

1 Point rod to show extremity of axis (5,4).
2 In principle put US weapon on the island (5).
3 Like a punt short of crew member (7).
4 They go to a woman's head on state occasions (6).
5 What's left about by Archbishop is picked up (8).
6 Improved if I indeed changed order (7).
7 This is, I hear, why you left Cyprus – literally (5,4).
8 Kitchener's anger explodes (5).
13 Whereby Falstaff's false friend might go in disguise (9).
15 Accelerated export and arranged for issue (9).
16 How sorry Percy was at loss of miner's daughter (8).
18 Girl turned up in a hat – for husbandry? (7).
20 Birds found in huge quarries (7).
21 Cash offer concerning Parry? (6).
22 Add up one hundred scores (5).
23 In Paris she has a name – Terry? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,725



CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Streets of Stone, Glasgow Stories, edited by Moira Burgess and Hamish Whyte (Salamander, £4.95)

The Whitbread Stories, selected by Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson (Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)

NON-FICTION

A Book of Scottish Ballads, by David Buchan (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £4.95)

Asquith, by Stephen Koss (Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)

Edward Lear 1812-1888, by Vivien Noakes (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95)

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The Druids, by Stuart Piggott (Thames & Hudson, £4.95)

The Hills of Rome, by Amy Stewart Fraser (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £4.95)

Titles & Forms of Address, A Guide to Correct Use, 18th edition, (A. & C. Black, £4.95) PH

Roads

London and the South-east: A308: Temporary lights on Fulham Rd between St Marks Grove and Hortensia Rd; delays likely. A312: Queues on Hayes Rd near the junction with the Parkway, likely to affect traffic leaving the M4 at junction 3 during the morning rush. Hatfield: Contraflow on the A405 near the junction with the A1 Barnet bypass; tunnel under construction.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow for 2 miles S of junction 17 (M45) Northamptonshire: Watford Gap services open. M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junctions 3 (A444 Coventry) and 4 (M42 Birmingham E). A34: Roadworks causing delays on Stratford to Oxford road at Shipston on Stour.

Wales and west: M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Gloucester) and 14 (B4509 Thornbury); northbound exit at junction 13 is closed. A5: Temporary lights (24hrs) at Chirk between Llangollen and Oswestry (Clwydd). A4: Resurfacing between Chippenham and Bath at Batheaston.

The north: A580: Lane closures on East Lancashire Rd, due to construction work between the A572 junction at Lane Head and the A574 junction; delays. A1: Contraflow for waterproofing work at Bilton Hall Bridge, Jarrow, near entrance to Tyne Tunnel. A49: Temporary lights and diversions on Scotland Rd, Warrington.

Scotland: M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junction 2 and 1 (Larkhall to Lanark) due to construction work; contraflow on northbound. A92 (City of Aberdeen): Junction improvement with various lane closure at King St and West North St. City of Aberdeen: Construction of dual carriageway on Great Northern Rd at Don St; width restricted.

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The papers

The Daily Express says: "It is most appropriate that the Defence White Paper should be published one week before the celebration of VE-Day. It is a potent reminder of what we owe to the strong defences of the West. – 40 years of peace in Europe." It adds that the White Paper is "absolutely right" to stress the importance of our nuclear deterrent and says: "The Defence White Paper has it right. Labour and its campaign for nuclear disarmament leadership has it morally, and mortally, wrong."

The Mirror, commenting on today's county council elections says that judging by past performances, most of those who have a chance to vote won't take it. It adds: "Local government in Britain is being deliberately destroyed by the Thatcher Government. Yet still too few people can see the menace."

The Sun, commenting on the latest quarterly trends survey conducted by the CBI, says: "After two decades the decline in our traditional manufacturing industries has been halted." But it adds: "Japan's trade surplus last year was £38 billion – yes billions. We may be on our way. But we have a long way to go."

Shire elections

Elections are being held today for all members of all Welsh and most English county councils. Polling stations will be open from 8am to 9pm and more than 24 million people are entitled to vote. Elections due in the seven councils to be abolished next year have been cancelled. There will therefore be no elections for the Greater London Council and the county councils of Greater Manchester, West Midlands, Merseyside, West Yorkshire and Tyne & Wear. There are three by-elections in South Yorkshire county council.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.56	1.66
Austria Sch	27.85	28.45
Belgium Fr	80.10	76.30
Canada $	1.735	1.655
Denmark Kr	14.44	13.74
Finland Mrk	8.28	7.88
France Fr	12.13	11.56
Germany DM	3.97	3.79
Greece Dr	174.00	164.00
Hong Kong $	9.50	9.20
Ireland Pr	1.277	1.217
Italy Lire	2530.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	323.00	307.00
Netherlands Gld	4.465	4.275
Norway Kr	11.47	10.92
Portugal Esc	219.00	209.00
South Africa Rd	2.70	2.40
Spain Pta	218.50	207.50
Sweden Kr	11.59	10.95
Switzerland Fr.	3.33	3.17
USA $	1.276	1.216
Yugoslavia Dar	317.00	297.00

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Retail Price Index: 388.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 7.0 at 978.4.

Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure over Eastern parts of England will move SE towards the low countries and a ridge of high pressure will build over Western areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Wales: Scattered showers, sunny intervals; wind NW moderate; max temp 13C (55F).

East Anglia, E Midlands, E, central N England: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain turning more showery, sunny intervals developing; wind NW fresh occasionally strong; max temp 12C (54F).

SW England: Perhaps a little rain in SW at first, otherwise dry with sunny intervals; wind variable light; max temp 14C (57F).

S Wales, Northern Ireland: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable light; max temps 13C (55F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Showers, some heavy, also sunny intervals; wind NW fresh occasionally strong; max temp 10C (50F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers, some heavy, and wintry over high ground; wind N or NW moderate or fresh; max temp 9C (48F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Scattered showers, sunny intervals; wind NW light or moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Becoming mostly dry with sunny intervals and temperatures near normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S. North Sea: Wind fresh or strong, becoming moderate; showers; visibility good; sea rough becoming slight. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind N moderate or fresh; showers; visibility good; sea slight or moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind moderate or fresh becoming variable light; rain later; visibility moderate becoming poor; sea slight.

Sun rises: 5.31 am Sun sets: 8.25 pm

Moon sets: 4.49 am Moon rises: 5.17 pm

Full Moon: May 4.

Lighting-up time

London 8.55 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.05 pm to 5.09 am
Edinburgh 9.24 pm to 4.55 am
Manchester 9.11 pm to 5.01 am
Penzance 9.13 pm to 5.25 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	10	50	Guernsey	s	10	50
Birmingham	f	11	52	Inverness	f	10	50
Blackpool	f	9	48	Jersey	f	10	50
Bristol	f	12	54	London	f	13	55
Cardiff	f	12	54	Manchester	c	9	48
Edinburgh	f	11	52	Newcastle	f	11	52
Glasgow	f	9	48	Roseldeway	r	9	48

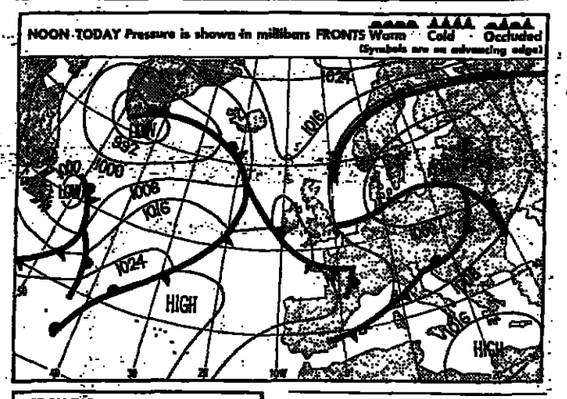
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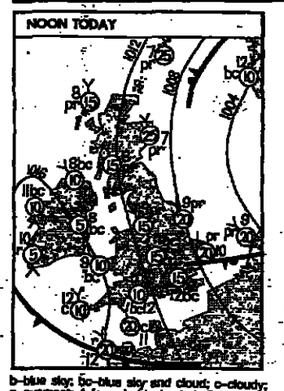
Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 38 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,014.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Littlehampton, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, 0.67in; highest sunshine: St Andrews, 13.1hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; o-cloudy; o-overcast; l-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.09	6.2	12.49	6.8
Aberdeen	12.01	3.8	12.05	3.9
Avonmouth	5.45	12.1	6.22	12.5
Belfast	9.44	3.3	10.17	3.1
Cardiff	5.30	11.2	6.07	11.6
Devonport	4.13	5.1	4.56	5.1
Dover	9.47	6.1	10.10	6.4
Falmouth	3.43	4.8	4.26	4.9
Glasgow	11.42	4.3		
Harwich	10.52	3.9	11.04	3.7
Holyhead	9.05	5.2	9.36	5.3
Hull	5.10	6.8	5.14	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.41	8.3	5.13	8.5
Leith	1.10	5.0	1.30	5.2
Liverpool	10.00	8.8	10.31	9.0
Lowestoft	8.30	2.2	8.17	2.2
Margate	10.58	4.5	11.00	4.5
Milford Haven	4.53	8.5	5.24	8.6
Newquay	3.48	6.5	4.18	6.8
Oban	4.39	3.7	5.20	3.8
Penzance	3.19	5.2	3.55	5.2
Portland	5.15	1.8	5.20	1.8
Portsmouth	10.03	4.3	10.37	4.7
Shoreham	9.57	5.7	10.27	6.2
Southampton	9.39	4.1	10.09	4.4
Swansea	4.59	8.7	5.31	9.0
Tees	2.28	4.9	2.38	5.1
Welton-on-Naze	10.42	4.0	10.56	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	12.8	–	14	57	Sunny
Bridlington	12.4	–	13	55	Sunny
Cromer					
Lowestoft	9.3	.09	13	55	Sunny
Clacton	8.7	–	13	55	Sunny
Margate		–	13	55	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.0	–	15	59	Sunny am
Hastings	9.9	–	15	59	Sunny
Eastbourne	11.4	–	13	55	Sunny
Brighton	9.6	–	13	55	Sunny
Worthing	10.6	–	15	59	Sunny
Littlehmptn	10.5	–	16	61	Sunny
Bognor R	11.2	–	15	59	Sunny
Southsea	11.2	–	15	59	Sunny
Sandown	9.1	–	15	59	Sunny
Shanklin					
Bournemth	9.9	–	14	57	Bright
Poole	9.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Swanage	10.5	–	14	57	Cloudy pm
Weymouth	10.9	–	14	57	Sunny
Exmouth	10.8	–	13	55	Sunny
Teignmouth	9.2	–	14	57	Sunny
Torquay	10.7	–	14	57	Sunny
Falmouth	10.2	–	13	55	Sunny
Penzance	10.7	–	13	55	Sunny
Jersey	10.9	–	13	55	Sunny
Guernsey	12.6	–	13	55	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	10.4	–	13	55	Sunny
Newquay	10.4	–	14	57	Sunny
Ilfracombe	10.9	–	11	52	Sunny
Tenby	8.3	–	12	54	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Southport	4.2	.01	10	50	Cloudy
Morecambe	5.0	.02	10	50	Bright pm
Douglas	3.1	.06	10	50	Showers pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Clrl)	7.1	–	14	57	Sunny am
B'ham (Airpt)	7.1	–	12	54	Sunny
Bristol (Clrl)	7.8	–	12	54	Sunny
Cardiff (Clrl)	10.0	–	11	52	Sunny
Anglesey	4.6	.01	12	54	Rain pm
B'pool (Airpt)	6.1	.01	10	50	Showers pm
Manchester	5.0	.02	10	50	Showers pm
Nottingham	9.3	–	11	52	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	12.5	–	13	55	Sunny
Carlisle	7.8	.01	13	55	Showers am
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	10.6	.08	11	52	Hail pm
Prestwick	11.0	.06	12	54	Showers am
Glasgow	12.3	.01	12	54	Showers
Tiree	10.8	.13	11	52	Hail am
Stornoway	11.0	.08	11	52	Bright
Lerwick	3.9	.43	9	48	Rain am
Wick	3.8	.23	9	48	Hail
Kinloss	6.2	.06	10	50	Showers
Aberdeen	7.6	.19	10	50	Showers
St Andrews	13.1	.02	13	55	Showers pm
Edinburgh	10.7	–	13	55	Hail pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.9	.04	11	52	Showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F			C	F			C	F
Alacnte	s	18	64	Cologne	c	10	50	Majorca	s	23	73	Rome*	c	16	64
Alicante	s	19	66	Copenhgn	f	8	43	Malaga	s	22	72	Salzburg	r	11	52
Alexandria	c	22	72	Corfu	s	18	64	Malta	s	20	68	Sao Paulo*	c	24	75
Algiers	s	28	82	Dublin	c	10	50	Melbourne	s	19	66	S Francisco*	s	18	64
Amsterdam	c	8	46	Dubrovnik	s	17	63	Mexico C*	s	11	52	Santiago*	s	17	63
Athens	s	19	66	Faro	c	20	68	Miami*	s	27	81	Seoul	c	23	73
Bahrain	s	30	86	Florence	f	20	68	Milan	s	22	72	Singapore	f	29	84
Barbados*	f	28	84	Frankfurt	c	13	55	Montreal*	s	21	70	Stockholm	c	3	37
Barcelona	s	20	68	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	r	57	41	Strasbourg	c	15	59
Beirut	s	21	70	Geneva	c	16	59	Munich	r	9	48	Sydney	f	19	66
Belgrade	s	18	64	Gibraltar	f	20	68	Nairobi	f	23	73	Tangier*	s	23	73
Berlin	r	8	46	Helsinki	d	5	41	Naples	c	18	64	Tel Aviv	c	19	66
Bermuda*	s	18	70	Hong Kong	c	24	75	New Delhi*	s	36	97	Tenerife	c	19	66
Biarritz	s	17	63	Innsbruck	f	14	57	New York*	s	26	79	Tokyo	s	24	75
Boulogne	f	11	52	Istanbul	s	13	55	Nice	s	17	63	Toronto*	s	23	73
Bordeaux	c	19	66	Jeddah	s	37	99	Oslo	r	4	39	Tunis	s	23	73
Brussels	c	9	48	Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Paris	c	15	59	Valencia	s	21	70
Budapest	c	12	54	Karachi*	s	31	88	Peking	f	24	75	Vancouver*	f	9	48
Buen Aires*	r	18	59	Las Palmas	c	19	66	Perth	s	23	73	Venice	s	16	61
Cairo	s	27	81	Lisbon	f	20	68	Prague	r	11	52	Vienna	r	11	52
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	s	23	73	Reykjavik	f	8	43	Warsaw*	f	7	45
Chicago*	s	23	73	L. Angeles*	s	15	59	Rhodes	s	20	68	Washington*	s	27	81
Chicago*	f	24	75	Lourenco	c	9	48	Riyadh	f	37	99	Wellington*			
Ch'church*				Madrid	s	23	73	Rio de Jan	c	20	68	Zurich	f	12	54

*denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Employers today must plan the selecting, deploying, assessing, paying and developing of their staffs, says Robert Simm



Every company should have a human resource strategy, a structured management approach to all aspects of employing people. Not only can such a strategy assist companies in reducing costs, but it can also improve the efficiency and effectiveness of managers and staff.

A human resource strategy is all about how best a company handles the selection, deployment, assessment, remuneration and development of its management and staff. As employing people represents one of the major costs in most companies, any approach which assists senior management in this area must merit further investigation. Apart from costs there are obvious risks for a company which fails to attract and retain high calibre resources, or to ensure that its managers are pursuing appropriate company objectives and are held accountable for their performance, or to plan its management succession.

It follows that in today's competitive and changing environment the effective planning of such key activities is of paramount importance to companies of all types and sizes. Companies can no longer afford to muddle through and "fire-fight" in such crucial and cost-critical areas.

In recent years Peat Marwick has experienced a dramatic increase in requests from companies wishing to develop and implement appropriate human resource strategies. Experience has shown that the constituents of such a strategy are many and varied. But most evidence from recent assignments has revealed that significant benefits may be achieved by focusing on five principal components of human resource strategy: remuneration planning; personnel systems; training and development activities; executive and staff selection procedures; and effective organization design.

● **Remuneration planning** is mainly concerned with how to provide attractive, cost-effective and, where possible, tax-efficient remuneration packages for the company's senior executives, middle management and staff. This involves keeping abreast of prevailing market trends, tackling internal anomalies, reviewing the scope for performance-related incentives and considering the potential for equity sharing schemes under the 1978, 1980 and 1984 Finance Acts.

Moreover, emphasis should be placed on packages which reflect properly the value placed on fringe benefits by the recipients themselves.

● **Personnel systems** and procedures must be in line with the company's requirements. For various reasons – for example, growth, legislation, economic conditions and technological change – companies may find their personnel systems have become outdated, or inappropriate, or in need of revision.

The first priority for the review are systems and procedures for manpower planning, aimed at determining the numbers, job types and tiers of management which the company is likely to require. This information should provide the basis for assessing the likely impact of such arrangements on future salary bills, including National Insurance charges.

Secondly, performance appraisal systems and procedures for assessing executive potential are needed for quality control, career planning, remedial training, salary planning and management development purposes.

Thirdly, personnel administration is required to ensure that the company complies with employment legislation, best practice procedures and standards in areas such as industrial relations, employee communications, personnel records and so on.

Too often these activities are confined to a personnel department, in isolation. But, increasingly, senior management is and should be involved in specifying the nature and scope of information required to make decisions which will have far-reaching cost and operational ramifications.

● **Management training and development activities** should give companies value for money. This involves establishing training programmes which reflect properly the company's priorities and requirements. It may therefore be appropriate for companies to undertake periodic evaluations of managers' and staffs' training needs.

Thus a training plan can be developed to address specific skills and knowledge to enable managers to carry out their duties more effectively.

● **Executive selection and staff recruitment procedures** represent another key area of human resource strategy where companies need to exercise more imagination and planning than many appreciate at present.

A dearth of managerial talent can leave companies ill placed to compete effectively in today's changing environment. But forward planning can assist the company in establishing feasible time scales for recruitment, and in determining how best to identify talent to meet the organization's needs. It can also help with the identification of appropriate sources of recruitment, and in equipping those involved in the selection process with the requisite skills.

● **The organization structure** itself is the bed-rock which supports these cornerstones of human resource strategy. An appropriate organization structure should assist the company in achieving its corporate goals. Too often companies go through acquisitions, mergers, major changes in corporate strategy and markets, or introduce new technology without thinking through the appropriateness of existing organization arrangements.

The logical starting point for shaping up an appropriate organization structure should be a review of the company's objectives and goals. Invariably, a critical review of activities currently being carried out in the company is required. Activities then need to be grouped sensibly along business sector, marketing, production or geographical lines etc.

Next, appropriate objectives for such departments or divisions need to be set and agreed, and translated into specific accountabilities for managers and staff.

The effective development of a human resource strategy in these five main areas ideally requires close integration. For example, it is widely acknowledged that performance appraisal systems are linked with salary review procedures. But these systems also need to be integrated with manpower planning, training, management development etc.

All too frequently, sound human resource initiatives are introduced within companies without due regard for the impact which they may have on other key remuneration, personnel and training areas.

This article has only scratched the surface of human resource strategy. The principal message is that senior management should plan its approach to dealing with the human asset, rather then simply reacting to problems. If you have any doubts, then consider the questions raised above against the background and practices of your own organization.

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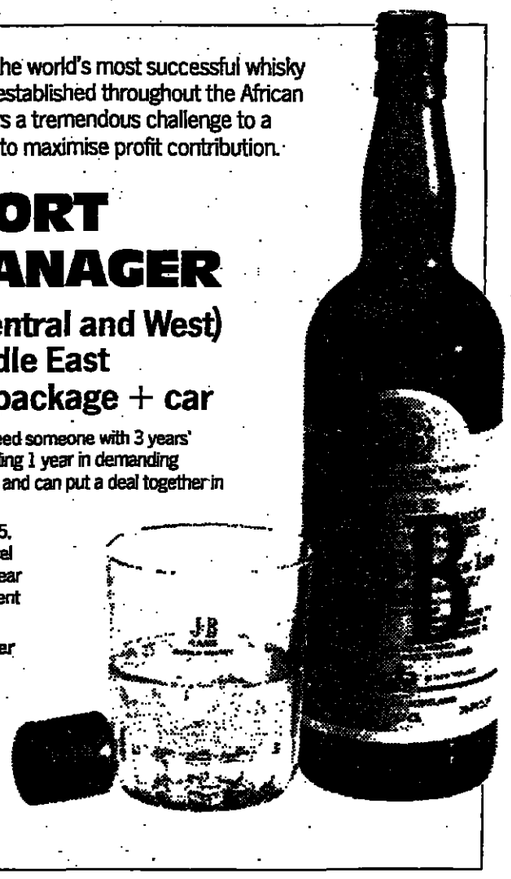
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Please write under confidential cover and enclosing a full cv to: The Director General, Bus & Coach Council, Sardinia House, 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LZ.

Chemical Sales

c£10,000 + car + benefits — **All areas**

We are a successful expanding group of manufacturing companies with diverse interests throughout the UK and Europe. Our chemical division currently seeks to capitalise on its growing market share by recruiting technically qualified, ambitious people to complement the sales team. You will be selling a variety of general and speciality chemicals of wide-ranging application through a combination of established contacts and new leads. Aged 28-40, with a qualified chemical background (HNC minimum) you will have at least two years' experience in a customer-related environment. Previous sales experience is not essential, however, you must be a good communicator and display enthusiasm and aptitude for the sales situation.

Send full career and current salary details, indicating the range of chemicals you have dealt with, to David Curtis, PER, 4th Floor, Rex House, 4-12 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PP, listing companies to whom your details should not be forwarded.

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Involved from initial tender through to contract award and beyond, you will be responsible for negotiation and settlement of all terms and conditions relating mainly to high-value, fixed price commercial and military contracts. Aged 27+, degree qualified and with substantial contracts experience gained within a high technology aerospace environment you must be able to demonstrate proven skill in negotiating military - and particularly commercial - contracts.

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Involved at all levels in our ambitious cost/contract bidding, you will play a critical front line role in the generation of final costs and prices.

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To arrange an early discussion, please phone for an application form and further information or send a copy of your cv, with salary details, to Keith Archer, Personnel Manager, Singer Link Miles Limited, Churchill Industrial Estate, Chartwell Road, Lancing, Sussex BN15 8UE. Tel: (0903) 755881. Please quote ref KA4.

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Sales Engineer

c£9,500 + use of company car

Required by an international engineering component manufacturer to call on existing customers and generate new business within the Midlands and South. Ideally living centrally (Berks/Bucks/Herts) and HNC level in mechanical engineering with drive, enthusiasm, and the ability to communicate effectively at all levels. Would suit experienced Sales Engineer or qualified Engineer wishing to embark on a sales career.

Send full cv to Judith Murray, PER, Bankfield House, New Union Street, Coventry CV1 2PE.

Works Manager

c£10,000 — **Brentford, Middlesex**

Required for factory producing corrugated board, laminated and printed cases. Aged 30+, with sound experience in the industry. HNC/HND preferred.

Send full cv to Mr B C H Gullett, The Grafton Paper Manufacturing Co Ltd, Kingsleigh Works, Brook Road South, Brentford, Middlesex.

Sales Representatives

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If you do qualify please write with full cv to Philip Joiner, Recruitment Manager, Save & Prosper, Hexagon House, 28 Western Road, Romford, Essex.

SAVE & PROSPER

Works Manager - Textile Manufacture

Director Designate

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Send full cv to Cathy Homer, PER, Victoria House, Ormskirk Road, Preston PR1 2DX.

Production Engineer

c£12,000 — **West London**

Newmont Engineering, precision engineers specialising in manufacture of gears, gearboxes and actuation mechanisms, seek experienced Production/Estimating Engineer, aged 30 to 40. Educated to HNC/HND level in mechanical/production engineering with experience in production planning, process planning (principally heat treatment) and estimating. Must be self motivated, working with minimum supervision and able to communicate at all levels.

Send full cv to John Townsend, Newmont Engineering Ltd, Julien Road, Ealing, London W5 4XE. Tel (01) 567 3924.

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c£11,000 + car (eg .205 GTi)
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Technical Representatives

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Please write with full cv to:- Mr G Evans, Chief Executive, Multifabs, Osmaston Works, Osmaston Road, Derby DE3 8LF.

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Bruel & Kjaer (UK) Ltd.
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If you would like to take advantage of our achievement, 'phone Vince Harris, Personnel Manager, on (0403) 64166 or write to him, enclosing a full cv, at Thorn Ericsson Telecommunications Limited, Viking House, Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5QF, or alternatively, leave a message on our jobline (0403) 66511.

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Obviously people expecting salaries at the higher end of the above range should be able to demonstrate Project Management supervisory expertise or advanced Software Design abilities.

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Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience, benefits include LVs, non-contributory pension, free life assurance, etc.

Please forward *curriculum vitae* to:

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For further particulars, please telephone: The Electricity Consumers' Council, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London WC1E 7LL. 01-636 5703.

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Wordplex, one of the market leaders in the integrated office system market place is relocating its manufacturing base from Westlake, USA to Slough, Berkshire and as a result now require the following key personnel.

Commercial Manager

c£15,000 - £20,000 + car

Reporting to the Operations Director of the Main Board your primary responsibilities will be for the forecasting and scheduling of Wordplex products under manufacture and contracts management of related OEM equipment. The ideal candidate will have several years' experience in a related position and be earning not less than £15,000 at present.

Manufacturing Cost Accountant

c£14,000 + car

Applicants, preferably ACMA qualified should have at least five years' cost accounting experience in an electronic or light manufacturing company with additional experience in handling accounts payable and management accounting.

Please write with full cv to Mr R H Clements, Director of Manufacturing, Wordplex Systems Development Ltd, Constable House, St Leonards Road, Windsor, Berks SL4 3DB.

Production Manager

£12,000 - £14,000 — North West

To manage 80 strong workforce of Thermovitrine - market-leading, high quality double glazing operation. Ideally degree/HND level. Proven production management record. Director potential.

Send full cv to Mr J R N Phillips, Triplex plc, Upper Church Lane, Tipton, West Midlands DY4 9PA.

Sales Manager

Five figure salary + car — Sidcup, Kent

Zest Equipment Co Ltd manufacture and sell products for the heating, ventilating, air conditioning and sheet metal industries. A key appointment has arisen to manage and motivate the UK sales team, stockists and distributors. Areas of responsibility include measuring representatives' performance, ensuring UK sales and gross profit targets are met and promoting the company's extensive product range. Aged 30-45, applicants should have sound sales management experience including negotiating with specifiers and consultants in the building services industry, ideally with knowledge of the valve industry, specifically solenoid valves. The right applicant can expect excellent promotion prospects.

Send full cv to Alison Webster, PER, Suite 5B, 71-75 High Street, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5AG.

Instrument Field Sales

£ negotiable + 1.6 litre car — Various locations

We are a successful and expanding company designing and manufacturing process measurement and control instrumentation. Due to re-organisation and promotion we are looking for Field Sales Engineers to cover:

— South Wales and the South West
— West Midlands and adjacent counties

Knowledge of process control instrumentation, qualified to ONC level and resident in the stated area. Selling experience, although desirable is not essential. We are interested in instrument engineers who are considering sales as their future career, and those instrument sales engineers who are keen to improve their status and prospects.

Please send details of career to date to Jean MacLean, Personnel Manager, KDG Instruments, Crompton Way, Crawley, Sussex RH10 2YZ.

KDG

Regional Sales Manager

Building Products

Attractive salary + car — Midlands

Supplying top quality products used in the construction of some of the UK's most prestigious building projects, this successful company offers an exceptional opportunity to a sales professional who fully understands the construction industry. Responsible for maximising business with senior architects throughout the central part of the country (from Wales to Lincs/Northants), you will control a small sales team and personally service existing accounts and develop new business in the south of the territory. You must have spent at least five years' negotiating with architects and have ability to motivate your team and develop this large and important territory. Good salary, profit share, BUPA, car etc.

Send full cv to Janet Roberts, PER, Halkyn House, Rhosddu Road, Wrexham LL11 1NE.

Drilling Engineer

Aberdeen

Our client is a major oil company actively involved in both operated and joint venture North Sea operations and committed to long term activities in exploration, appraisal and development drilling. A position exists within the petroleum engineering department for an experienced Drilling Engineer. Candidates will have a good degree in an appropriate science or engineering discipline and at least four years' oil related experience with particular emphasis in offshore drilling engineering. An attractive salary and full benefits package will be offered including assistance with relocation where appropriate.

Send full cv to Alfie Smith, PER, 3rd Floor, St. Martin's House, 181 Union Street, Aberdeen AB9 1BH.

Operations Director Designate

c£18,000 + car — London area

The UK leisure market has achieved significant growth in recent years and my clients are enjoying the benefits of this growth. They wish to recruit an Operations Director Designate to take responsibility initially for the food and related services of a major complex in the London area. Reporting to the Group Managing Director, responsibilities include financial and operating goals, client relations, co-ordinating personnel, training and ensuring the efficient and profitable management of the services on the complex and involvement in sales and business development. Aged 27-35, preferably educated to degree level, the successful candidate will have food service, financial and operating management experience in concession catering with at least two years' at a senior managment level. Experience of multi-site management, staff training and computer systems are also important.

Send full cv to Carol Howe, PER, Management Selection Division, Minster House, 27-29 Baldwin Street, Bristol BS1 1LX.

PER MANAGEMENT SELECTION

Senior Interior Designer

£12,000-£14,000 — London E2

KB Contracts, the well-established family company involved in interior design for licensed hotel and catering establishments, including pubs, need an Interior Designer with development potential to lead a team initiating designs for interior furnishings and interpreting salesperson's reports and sketches into commercial designs. Practical experience, preferably gained in the catering industry, is more important than formal qualifications.

Send full cv to Gurmail Bahia, PER, 616-618 High Road, Leytonstone, London E11.

Product Manager

Attractive salary + benefits — Worcester

My client, one of the leading suppliers of heavy duty conveyors to the world's mining and extraction industries, requires a Product Manager to be responsible to the Production Director for organising and controlling all aspects of manufacturing and production engineering requirements for a particular company product range. Design involvement also required. Applicants aged 30-50, should be Chartered Engineers with considerable practical involvement in both manufacturing and production engineering fields covering NC/CNC machining and welding fabrications, fully conversant with all production support services and capable of dealing with day to day industrial relations and personnel matters. We can offer an attractive salary, a contributory pension scheme and fringe benefits associated with a modern company. Assistance will be given with relocation expenses to this pleasant rural area where appropriate.

Send full cv to Doug Knowles, PER, 150 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6TB.

Sales To Retail Outlets

The company are market leaders in the sale of a range of fashion products. To consolidate their share of a growing market and assist further diversification, they now have the following challenging opportunities:-

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1). N Home Counties, East Anglia
2). South West, South Wales

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Franchise Development Manager

South East

To set up and develop a franchise network throughout London and the South East. It will involve identifying suitable clients and shop premises, then providing the necessary training and management support to ensure that an adequate level of retail skills is reached. Applicants must have similar franchise shop experience and strong personal and communication skills, ideally with a retail management background.

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Send full cv to Wayne Travis, PER, Management Selection Division, Northampton House, 177 Charles Street, Leicester LE1 1LA, or telephone (0533) 551418.

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£Negotiable + car — Manchester area

Market leader in the supply of specialised condition monitoring and ancillary measuring equipment, this successful member of an international group is further developing its range of preventive maintenance equipment and services to industry. This is an exciting opportunity for a professional Engineer to set up and control a new team to provide technical support to customers and to the company's own sales team. Areas of activity will include supervision of installation, applications engineering, user training and involvement in new product development. Aged 25 plus and minimum HND Mechanical Engineering, you must have practical engineering experience with knowledge of rotating machinery and rollingelement bearings. Familiarity with computerised systems will be an advantage and you must be willing to travel extensively and able to communicate confidently at all levels. Excellent rewards and prospects.

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c£17,500 + car allowance

You will be required to conceive and develop overall strategies in order to merchandise, market and supply specified retail outlets. Through your team of buyers your responsibility will also be to ensure that strict operational and financial performance is achieved. Ideally, aged 30 +, with non-food buying experience your market and merchandise knowledge will have been supplemented by impressive leadership and management control with a track record in achieving profit targets.

Buyers - Non-Food

Substantial five figure salary

Working to specified performance targets you will have the flair, imagination and experience in the range, selection and procurement of at least two of the following categories:- hardware, housewares/electrical goods, soft furnishings & fabrics, fashions, cosmetics, stationery, toys, seasonal goods, DIY, gifts and china and glass. Your professional competence, which will have been developed in a multi-store environment, ought to be complemented by a highly customer responsive approach and attitude.

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Substantial five figure salary

This newly created position, with responsibility for some 40 staff and 20 vehicles needs theoretical and practical experience of delivery and route scheduling. Your working knowledge of modern materials handling systems will be coupled with an interest in the development and implementation of new ideas. Add to this a highly resilient personality and you could be just right for this position.

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Write, telling us how you can do so, including full cv to: Bernadette Carr, PER, 62-64 High Street, Southampton SO9 2EG.

Design Manager

Stainless Steel Fabrication

c£10,000 — Leeds

Part of a "household name" group, this successful Leeds company is a leader in the production of stainless steel fabrications and pressings for a variety of applications. Leading your own design team, you'll be responsible for the design and development of tools and other production equipment, the identification and installation of new tooling, the preparation and updating of process sequence documentation and assistance with the selection of new plant and equipment. At least HNC level, you must have proven relevant experience involving stainless steel fabrications with the ability to work to tight schedules. An innovative and flexible approach to the introduction of new processes is essential together with the ability to liaise with customers at all levels. Ideal age 28/45. Excellent rewards and prospects. Relocation assistance.

Contact Selwyn Jones, PER, Pennine House, Russell Street, Leeds LS1 5UF. Tel: (0532) 445131.

Chemical Engineer

Attractive salary — County Durham

A leading manufacturer of formaldehyde and resins for the wood and particle board industry, has created this key position as part of their management team. Reporting to the Works Manager, you will provide a comprehensive technical service encompassing process design, solving manufacturing problems and QA. Close liaison with clients, HQ engineering and R & D divisions is involved. Candidates aged 25-35, must have a degree/HNC in chemical engineering/chemistry together with several years experience in batch and continuous processes, ideally in a plant investigation department. The post offers an attractive salary + relocation expenses, and the opportunity for career development.

Phone Syd Raccani, PER Southampton, (0703) 38211.

Senior Sales Engineers

£12,000-£15,000 + bonus + car

Ceratech Electronics Limited supply custom-designed keyboards from the world's leading keyboard manufacturer, power supplies, VDU's and automatic identification equipment to the OEM distributor market. Due to expansion and acquisition of further agencies, additional Sales Engineers are required to sell the full product range throughout the UK. You should have proven sales ability in the OEM market place supported by a sound engineering background. Experience with the above products would be advantageous but not essential. Rewards include high basic salary commensurate with age and experience plus annual sales-related bonus.

Please apply in writing to Personnel Manager, Ceratech Electronics Limited, Lenten House, 20 Lenten Street, Alton, Hants GU34 1HG.

Operations Manager

From £13,000 + car — Rochester, Kent

This privately-owned freight discharge company, dealing with imported cargo, has a growing reputation for total customer service. They require an Operations Manager to control two terminals, responsible for a workforce of 60. First-class communication skills and proven track record in this industry is essential. Excellent career opportunity and negotiable salary, free health plan and contributory pension.

Send full cv to Nadine Wiltshire, PER, 5 London Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8HR.

Technical Sales

Industrial Equipment

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Send full cv to Stuart Mitchell, Managing Director, Black Horse Relocation, 2 Farm Yard, Windsor, Berks SL4 1TX.

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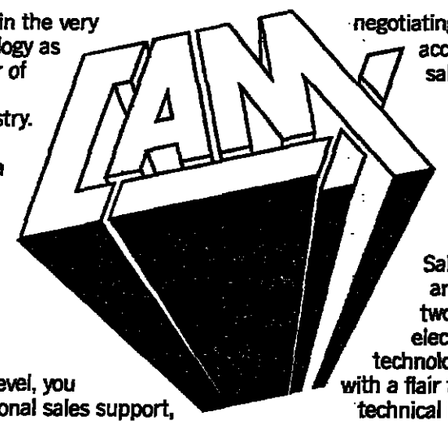
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Robert Maxwell, Secretary, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, 14 Palace Court, London W2 4HT.

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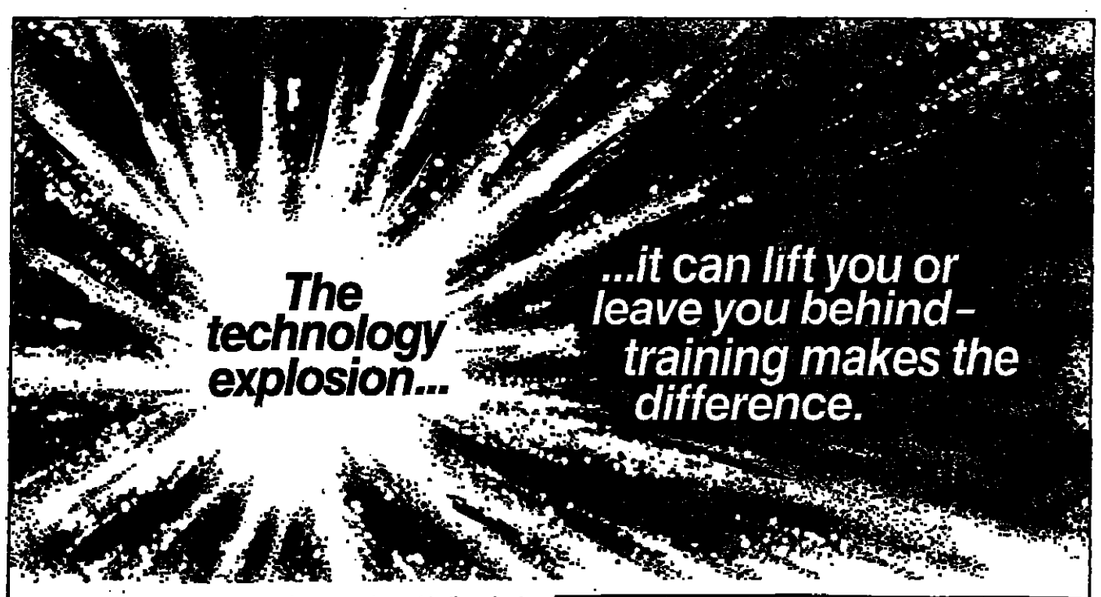
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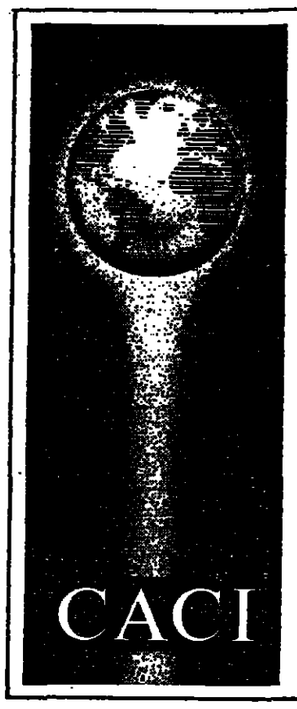
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The Times guide to career development

From finance to foodie

Edward Fennell writes the second article in a series on job-changing

Getting into the *Good Food Guide* within two years of setting up in business must be a record. But for wine-merchants Joe and Rosie Hannigan who run Lockes, a delicatessen and restaurant in Winchester, it is simply a just return on a considerable investment of time, money and emotion.

On the face of it, the Hannigans' experience and success is the kind of pipedream-come-true that many career-changers hope to achieve. Yet even now they feel their business has yet to reach its potential. "It's marvelous that we've got some recognition," says Joe Hannigan, "but a lot of credit has to go to the bank. Fortunately, our manager at Barclays has the foresight to see the business's potential rather than taking a narrowly retrospective view of the past accounts."

Accounting, though, is something the Hannigans know a good deal about. Joe Hannigan has worked in the City and in the EEC as an accountant and it is this professional skill which has seen the business through the early difficult days. "Frankly, I think that if it hadn't been for my grasp of the financial aspects of the restaurant we would have gone under regardless of how good our food or wine was," says Joe.

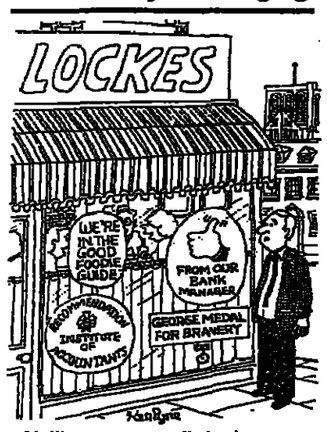
Most people think of switching career direction at some time in their professional lives. In most cases it ends up as a shift of employer or marginal career development: usually with little risk involved. But those like Joe who take a more radical step know that their venture could be at best uncomfortable and at worst perilous.

"In any kind of start-up situation you are never going to get success overnight. It takes at least a couple of years to build up a reputation and during that time you have to remain convinced that you'll be a success regardless, almost, of circumstances."

Keeping one's nerve is a key quality for the adventurous – especially when the fate of family, home, and capital are all tied into the success of the enterprise. So what drives, or attracts, people into taking such a step?

"I suppose it was a combination of things. I wasn't very happy working with my last employer mainly because the company had gone through a bad time and it was me, as accountant, who was the continual bearer of bad news. It didn't make me very popular!

"More important though was my desire to run my own business. I'd seen how other people had run their's and I felt I could do a better job. I believed I could make more money as my own boss."



Unlike many small businessmen and retailers, Joe and Rosie Hannigan didn't launch themselves into a pet enthusiasm.

Living in France but waiting to settle in Hampshire, they made a calculated decision about where the gaps were in the local market. "We were interested in wine and had some contacts," says Joe, "but essentially it was a commercial decision we made."

It took a year to put that decision into effect. Finding a suitable site; raising money; going round trade fairs in Britain and France; serving a short "apprenticeship" in Patrick Rance's famous cheese shop; following up on a wide range of contacts. In fact, a solid 12 months of research and preparation.

"But it was during that time we laid the foundations for our success. The choice of site, for example, is crucial. If we'd made a hurried decision and gone for somewhere unsuitable it would have ruined us before we started. Likewise, building up relationships with suppliers nationally, internationally and locally. Indeed, some of our best cheese, for instance, come from farms in the area. You really need plenty of time to get all that sorted out."

Time, though, is what many small businesses do not have. When a substantial bank loan is involved it is inevitable that the manager will keep a vigilant eye on the trend of profit and loss. So it is seldom more than a few months before probing questions are asked about income and viability.

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Joe Hannigan has also been careful in choosing an image which is well suited to his market and he is benefitting from a social trend – the emergence of the "foodie phenomenon", – which is giving a fair wind to his trade. His observations of the social scene and recognition of changing buying habits have been crucial to attracting his customers' interest. By being sensitive to the public's demand for a more interesting range of food and wine (as well as their willingness to pay for it) Joe has been able to attract a good slice of his customers' disposable income.

"There's a return to an appreciation of the importance of meal times as an occasion for husband and wife or even the whole family, to get together. People are prepared to spend a little bit extra to make their meals as pleasant as possible."

On the restaurant side, by contrast, the emphasis is excellent food but at relatively modest prices. "There seem to be clear limits to what people will spend on a meal in a restaurant", says Joe. "You have to be very sensitive to that."

And, of course, it's no good sitting back waiting for customers to arrive on your doorstep. Creating the right menu, selling the restaurant to people like tour organisers, and getting publicity in the local Press are all vital.

"But above all you need the support of the people around you. Without the right staff in the shop, the waitresses in the restaurant and the chef in the kitchen you'd be nowhere. And family support is vital too. You are taking a risk so you need the whole family backing you up, come what may, to give you the determination to see it through."

Joe Hannigan sums up his recipe for success as:

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